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Louis de Bernières plays at the Room at the Top Folk Club in The Red Lion pub in Newburgh.

Captain Corelli author entertains pub folk club - minus his mandolin!

BESTSELLING author Louis de Bernieres visited Parbold to give a talk about his books - but after organisers discovered he also writes and plays his own music, he then gave an impromptu performance at a nearby village folk club.

Novelist de Bernieres is best known for Captain Corelli's Mandolin which won him the Commonwealth Writers Prize for Best Book in 1994 and which has been adapted for radio, theatre, and a Hollywood film starring Nicolas Cage and Penelope Cruz.

Louis de Bernières with Parbold Librarian Jayne Chambers.

He was invited to speak at Parbold Library by Friends of Parbold Library but also ended up entertaining members of the Red Lion pub folk club just down the road in neighbouring Newburgh. However, a mandolin was nowhere to be found as Louis had brought along his guitar.

Such was the popularity of the library event that the venue had to be changed to the village's Women's Institute and even then organisers had to turn people away after tickets sold out.

The evening consisted of Louis reading from his books before singing a few of his songs.

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CYCLIST WHO WAS KILLED IN CRASH HIT 'MASSIVE POTHOLE', INQUEST TOLD

Alison Doyle cycling.

Complaints had been made to county council about poor state of road

Report by **Kenny Parker**

AN inquest has heard how a cyclist from Melling was killed last year after she hit a pothole on a road in Aughton which caused her to veer into the path of a car.

Alison Doyle was with five other members of cycling club Sefton Velo on Bold Lane, in August 2018 when she lost control of her bike and collided with a Ford Ka.

The 47-year-old mother of two, who was a nurse and Melling Parish Councillor, died at the scene.

Alison Doyle with father Arthur.

Coroner Richard Taylor ruled at the inquest at Preston Coroner's Court on Monday, September 23, that her death was the result of a road traffic accident.

Questions were raised about the management of the roads by Lancashire County Council and it was heard there had been four complaints about the state of the road in the previous year.

The pothole was at least 15 inches in length and two and a half inches deep and was filled in later that day by the county council.

Other cyclists who had been riding with Ms Doyle told the inquest that they heard the hiss of a wheel, like someone had a puncture and saw her lose control and swerve into the other side of the road.

They said there was a "massive pothole" in the road which was "the only thing she could have hit."

The council told the inquest that it inspected the road every three months,

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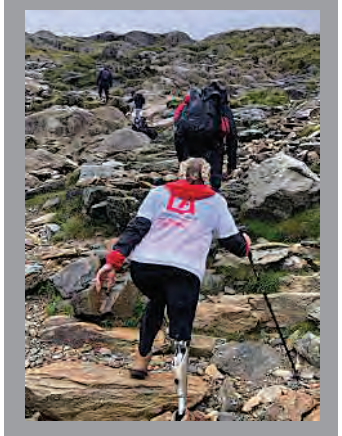
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New leisure hubs a step closer as council claims 'progress is being made'

Report by **Henry James**

PLANS to build two new leisure hubs in West Lancashire have moved a step closer after the council revealed 'good progress' is being made.

West Lancashire Borough Council recently held a public consultation on the proposals to build the new facilities on Churchfields, Ormskirk, and Ingram in Skelmersdale, to replace Park Pool and Nye Bevan.

The council has said "it is grateful" to the large number of residents who took the time to respond.

While a significant majority of respondents were in favour of the developments a number of Ormskirk residents raised concerns about loss of greenspace and other potential issues such as flooding and traffic management at the Churchfields site.

The council say they have considered these issues throughout the preparation of plans for the proposed new hubs, and will continue to do so.

Additionally, should the council proceed with the proposal to use the Churchfields site, it intends to return the existing Park Pool site to parkland as a compensatory measure for the loss of greenspace and to better link the new Hub to the town centre.

The public would be consulted regarding the creation of the new parkland. The next stage of the process will see surveys being carried out to assess the suitability of each site. These will further examine the concerns raised by residents.

These surveys do not mean that building work is starting on either scheme.

If the surveys indicate that the proposed sites are viable the council would carry out a further consultation exercise which would form part of the planning application process for the hubs.

The health and wellbeing of local people is a "key priority" in the Council Plan and the Leisure and Wellbeing Hubs proposal plays an "important role" in helping the council achieve their ambitions in this area.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, cabinet member for leisure, said: "The Leisure and Wellbeing Hubs are exciting proposals and provide significant opportunities for residents to improve their health and social wellbeing.

"Thank you to everyone who took part in the consultation process and I am really pleased the majority of people support these exciting proposals. We are listening to people's concerns and will be considering these as we proceed with investigating the feasibility of the proposals."

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Best selling writer is a sell-out success in Parbold!

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Librarian Jayne Chambers also thanked everyone for attending and explained how important it was for the public to attend events put on by the library to help keep it going after it reopened following a couple of years closure due to council cutbacks.

There was also a question and answer session with many people putting their hands up to ask a number of interesting questions which were answered in great detail by the author to the delight of the enthralled audience. At the end of the event, a further queue formed to purchase books and CDs and get them signed before they went home very happy, revealed Mark Dowding on behalf of FOPL.

Friends of Parbold Library has been created to support the library by raising funds to buy equipment that would not be supplied by the council as a matter of course. The Friends also publicise services and events to encourage and increase footfall within the library in order that the village continues to benefit from the facility. Other events organised by the group have included a Murder Mystery Night and a Lancashire Night by Sid Calderbank and Mark Dowding who go under the name of "Tacklers' Tales" - both events attracted sell out audiences.

Future events include another Lancashire Night on Thursday, November 21 and a Local History Week in 2020 featuring local historians, speakers and displays of old photographs of Parbold.

School refuses to share its secret for sunflower success!

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A PRIMARY school is refusing to give away the secrets of its gardening success after winning first prize in a contest to find the tallest sunflower.

Burscough Village Primary School's Kids' Club manager Deirdre Sadgrove, with the help of the children, has already won accolades for her gardening prowess this year, when she brought back trophies and rosettes for the school's entries to the Show What You Grow competition held for schools in West Lancashire.

The school has now won a local parish council competition to find the tallest sunflower.

Parish councillor John Tribe and parish council clerk Jackie Maguire went into the school to officially measure the plant, and recorded a towering 2.05metres.

Mrs Sadgrove was awarded with the winner's rosette and a £100 cheque, which will be added to the Show What You Growprize money to develop the gardens around the school.

Deirdre isn't giving anything away about how she got the sunflower to reach its prize winning height.

"With the help of the gardening team the sunflower was nurtured daily, but with regards to what with I don't want to give away secrets!" she said.

School Bursar Vicki Newsome said: "A huge thank you to Mrs Sadgrove and the Kids Club children who helped look after the sunflowers."

John Tribe and Jackie Maguire measuring the sunflower at Burscough Village Primary School.

Cyclist killed in collision with car 'had hit massive pothole'

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and that the previous inspection in June had not identified any potholes deeper than one and a half inches and therefore needing repair.

However, the next inspection, in September, identified 17 defects in need of repair.

After recording his verdict Coroner Taylor added: "The question remains about what sort of pothole there was in June.

"The records say there was no defect. There could have been rough surface not deep enough or deemed to be a safety hazard. I accept that."

Following the hearing, Ms Doyle's family's solicitor, Rachel Botterill, said: "I am pleased that the inquest has managed to provide some answers to Alison's family about the circumstances surrounding her death.

"Alison sadly lost her life doing something that she loved – cycling.

"The coroner found that Alison had hit a pothole which had not been identified as a hazard when the highway was last inspected, two months before her death.

"It is important for this family to now investigate with the council that its inspection procedure was thorough and had taken account of dangers to all road users, including vulnerable road users such as cyclists."

A spokesman for LCC said: "Our sympathies are with Mrs Doyle's family and friends, and we have done all we can to help the police and the coroner with their investigation. We cannot comment further as there is a pending civil claim."

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All aboard! Last chance to ride steam trains this year

WEST Lancashire Light Railway (WLLR) will be hosting its last gala event of the year, giving people the chance to ride on its steam trains.

The narrow gauge heritage railway, which is situated on Station Road, Hesketh Bank, is hosting Working Engines Gala on October 6 from 11am to 4.30pm.

The event is free to enter, with free parking, and visitors are only required to pay to ride, with tickets being valid all day.

A spokesperson for WLLR said that there will be a number of steam locomotives pulling the trains.

"We will also have displays of steam tractors, static engines, mamod engines, diesel trains along with, stalls, marque, refreshments, cake stand, interactive toys, and many other attractions," he said.

"This is our last gala this year, so come along and celebrate our working engines. You will have a warm welcome."

WLLR is a two-foot gauge heritage steam railway run entirely by volunteers on a short semi-rural wooded line,

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Plea for funds to save town's Christmas tree

Drop off in donations threatens popular festive attraction

Report by **Kenny Parker**

The Christmas tree and crib outside Ormskirk Parish Church in a previous year.

THERE will be no Christmas tree and crib at Ormskirk Parish Church this year unless funds can be found in the next few weeks, says the treasurer of the tree's organising committee.

The popular festive attraction has once again been threatened due to a cash flow problem. The tree was originally funded by the borough council but due to cuts the money was withdrawn in 2016 leaving the town without a tree that year.

The tree was reinstated in 2017, however, after the local community led by Our West Lancashire, raised funds. In fact, so much money was raised that the 'Christmas Tree committee' had a £700 head start on last year and after a smaller fundraising drive the tree and the crib were again a feature of the town centre.

On both occasions, West Lancs council provided electricity for the attraction's light displays.

This year, however, OWL Councillor Ian Davis, who is acting secretary and treasurer for the committee, says they have not raised enough money to fund another tree, and they are 'embarrassed' to approach the same sources for a third year in a row.

Writing to the Champion, he said: "It is with huge regret that the Christmas Tree Committee must announce that due to a drop off in donations this year, we will be unable to provide a Christmas tree and the lights etc outside Ormskirk Parish Church this year.

"Despite having pressed various organisations, companies, individuals and charities in the past two years, we find it difficult to approach them for a third time.

"We have not been able to secure anything like enough funds from our collection points to cover the £1,300 necessary for the purchase of a tree plus erection, dismantling and electrical work for both the crib and tree.

"Currently we only have £213 in the kitty and therefore we are unable to proceed to order the tree etc unless support is guaranteed by October 15.

"We therefore propose in these circumstances to carry the balance forward to 2020 and thank all those who have made donations at our collection points this year."

Further speaking to the Champion, Cllr Davis said he is not seeking to have the tree saved for political reasons but because he would like the town to celebrate the Christian festival.

To help save the Christmas tree for Ormskirk this year, you can contact Cllr Davis by emailing iandavisaccountants@gmail.comor or by calling him on 07710273070.

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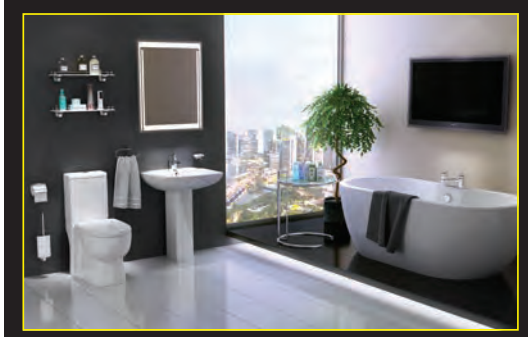

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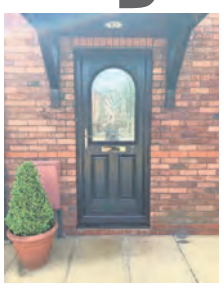

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Record number of patients treated at hospitals' A&E over summer

Report by **Henry James**

'Staff have my utmost admiration for rising to challenge' says hospital boss

A 'RECORD-BREAKING' 10,377 patients were treated in A&E at Southport Hospital over the summer.

Staff saw seven patients each hour of every day in July and August on average, which is a 4% increase on the year before.

And the children's A&E team at Ormskirk Hospital also continued to treat record numbers of under-16s with an 8% year-on-year rise already clocked up for September.

Despite the pressure, the teams at both hospitals combined to treat, transfer or admit to hospital 87.9% of all patients within the four-hour NHS national standard.

That maintained the trust's continuing "impressive" performance, ranking it eighth out of 21 acute hospitals in the North West.

Steve Christian, chief operating officer at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, said: "Like hospitals across the country, we see no sign of the situation easing. So, staff have my utmost admiration for rising to the challenge, continuing to give timely, quality care, and making our hospitals among the best in the region.

Steve Christian, chief operating officer at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust

"We've achieved these results by improving our own systems and working with local partners in the NHS and social care to ensure patients are discharged as soon as they're well enough. This prevents new patients backing up in A&E, as well as being better for the health and well-being of those going home."

Southport and Ormskirk NHS Trust said the wider community was also benefiting thanks to quicker ambulance turnarounds in A&E, allowing crews to get back on the road faster to their next patient.

In addition to these achievements, the trust added it continued to be one of the "best-performing nationally" for treating patients needing planned care like a hip or knee replacement within the national 18-week standard.

Meanwhile, Mr Christian said the trust was preparing for the winter with the appointment of two more staff A&E consultants - making seven in total and the "highest number ever".

He commented: "But we will need the continued dedication and professionalism of our staff and the support of our local community to come safely through the months ahead. We particularly need help from families in helping prepare patients to go home when they've completed their medical care."

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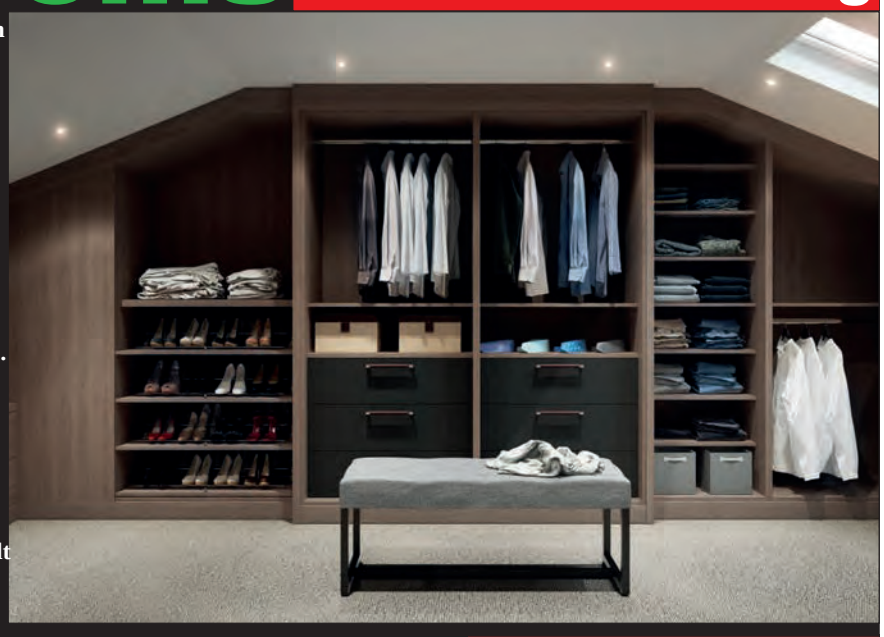

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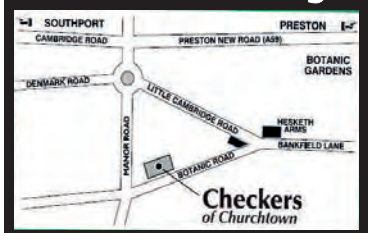

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Exhibition in memory of Champion photographer Martyn Snape

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Martyn Snape taking photographs at Bickertsock Music Festival. Picture by Amanda Bennett.

A POPULAR photography exhibition will dedicate its upcoming event in memory of Champion photographer Martyn Snape.

Images of Burscough and Surrounding Areas will be holding another of its popular exhibitions of old photos at its usual venue of the Stanley Club, Liverpool Road North, Burscough, on the weekend of October 26 and 27.

Martyn, who was a stalwart of the Champion for more than 20 years, passed away in June at the age of 65, following a short illness.

Michael Dawson, founder of Images of Burscough and Surrounding Areas, said there will also be a special display showing Martyn's pictures.

The nostalgia event will see more than 700 old photos put on show, with many new ones to the exhibition and a large variety of local memorabilia related to Burscough, Rufford, Lathom, Newburgh, Parbold, Scarisbrick and Ormskirk.

The exhibition will also host displays from other local history groups.

Entry is free and there will be a stall selling various local photographic books, mounted prints, calendars and various other gifts.

To attract the younger generation with their parents, Clare Williams from Amy's Amazing Stories will be in attendance with a range of children's books to buy.

...as money raised from annual family fun day donated to hospice in his memory

ALL funds raised at the 12th annual Hesketh Bank Village Show will be donated to Queenscourt Hospice in memory Martyn Snape.

Hundreds of visitors flocked to the show, held recently, at All Saints Church, Station Road.

This year it featured exhibits including vegetables, baking and crafts, fairground, donkey rides, vintage and new tractor exhibitions.

Nicola Webster, one of the organisers, said: "The donations are still coming in and we will reveal how much we have raised as soon as we have totted it all up!

"Martyn was a judge for the show's photography section in the past and even when he wasn't judging he came along every year to take amazing photographs of the event.

"He only lived a short distance away and was a big part of the Hesketh Bank community, so it meant a lot to us to be able to raise funds for Queenscourt Hospice in his memory."

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Fresh flood advice issued after weekend downpour

Report by **Kenny Parker**

THE Environment Agency has issued advice to those in flood risk areas in West Lancashire following a weekend of disruption where roads were closed, homes flooded and rail services affected.

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service is also warning motorists not to ignore road closure notices and get stuck in floodwater.

Firefighters attended five incidents in West Lancashire on Sunday September 29 and received 22 calls.

A spokesperson for Environment Agency said: "Over the weekend we received multiple reports of flooding from main rivers to farmland and multiple reports regarding surface water issues. Surface water flooding has been dealt with by the lead local flood authority not the Environment Agency.

"Over the weekend we have had staff out clearing grids and removing any blockages in the watercourses to reduce flood risk. We have also had asset inspectors out in West Lancashire checking our defences in the area.

"We encourage anyone living or working in a flood risk area to be aware and to be prepared. We can support you by; signing you up to receive free flood warnings, helping you to produce a personal flood plan, offering property resistance and resilience information and supporting the formation and ongoing work of a community flood action group.

"The Flood Warning Service is a free system which is used to warn you of imminent flooding to land and property."

Visit the website www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings for more information.

Car in floodwater on Daisy Lane, Lathom. Picture by Andrew Bunn

Station Road closed while emergency services deal with flooding on the Parbold railway station and (below) a flooded field in Lathom

Fire crews attended a flooded property on Church Road, Tarleton and four flooded properties on Course Lane, Newburgh.

The fire service also attended a convertible car that was stuck on Blue Stone Lane, in Mawdesley.

Last week, Tuesday September 24, fire crews attended Parbold railway station to pump flood water off the tracks.

The fire service said its "main advice" was to warn motorists not to drive through flood waters. "There were incidents over the weekend where the local authority closed a road and put signs up but motorists have moved them out of the way. They have then carried on driving. and got stuck in flood water," a spokesperson said.

Northern Rail said that on Sunday services across the region were either suspended or speed restrictions were put in place due to floodwater. Speed restrictions were put in place between Wigan and Southport due to flooding at New Lane railway station.

Meanwhile, a spokesperson for Lancashire County Council said: "As the weather is to remain unsettled we are keeping extra resources on standby in case they are needed to respond to any further incidents out-of-hours.

"We would ask people to contact us if they have experienced flooding to help us build an accurate picture of the impacts in our role as Lead Local Flood Authority."

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New £1m nursery opens in Burscough

A NEW £1 million nursery - able to accommodate 110 children and creating seven new jobs - has opened in Burscough.

The First Chapter Day Nursery, run by Kid Inc located on High Lane, has just welcomed its first children.

The new bespoke building will replace two existing Kid Inc nurseries on High Lane and Lordsgate Lane, with children and staff from both locations moving to the new, larger premises.

The nursery group invested £980,000 in the new purpose built facility. Of the sum, £680,000 was provided by Lloyds Bank as part of its Helping Britain Prosper Plan.

Kid Inc was first launched in 2014 by husband-and-wife duo, Olawale and Moji Jones. Gareth Hall, relationship director at Lloyds Bank Commercial Banking, said: "Olawale and Moji are experienced nursery operators that have built up a very loyal customer base in Burscough.

"The Kid Inc brand has fantastic potential and it's great to have been able to play a part in helping them to grow their business."

The new nursery in Burscough.

Nursery owners Olawale and Moji Jones with Gareth Hall.

Amputee takes on highest peak in Wales for charity

A TEACHING assistant from Tarleton has climbed Snowdon to help 'fellow amputees to come to terms with the loss of a limb.'

Mum of two Lianne Forrest, 36, who works at Tarleton Holy Trinity CE Primary School and lives in the village with her husband Adam, 40, and their sons, raised £2,206 for the Limbless Association.

Her twins Finlay and Alfie, 12, started secondary school in September, and to celebrate this – as well as getting a new state-of-the-art robotic leg – the family chose to take on the highest mountain in Wales recently.

Lianne has spina bifida, a congenital defect of the spine, which can cause paralysis of the lower limbs. As a child, she had to have her right leg amputated below her knee due to osteomyelitis, a rare but serious infection of the bone and had to have more amputated, to above her knee, aged 18.

Lianne at the summit of Snowdon

Lianne said: "I've hidden my amputation for so long. As a child I longed to be like all the others. "Last year when I was first given my new robotic state of the art C-Leg I knew it was time to change my outlook on life.

"We decided as a family and with friends to climb Snowdon, so I thought why not do it for a charity? We've reached more than £2,200 for The Limbless Association now and I'm so incredibly thankful to everyone who has supported me.

"I know the money will help fellow amputees to come to terms with the loss of a limb and hopefully help them to not be afraid or ashamed of how they look. If I help just a handful of people to be proud of who they are regardless of how they look and feel by seeing my story then I know I'll have achieved something I never thought possible!"

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Week of activities to showcase range of services available at county's libraries

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE libraries will be taking part in a week-long celebration showcasing their services, from Monday to Saturday, October 7 to 12.

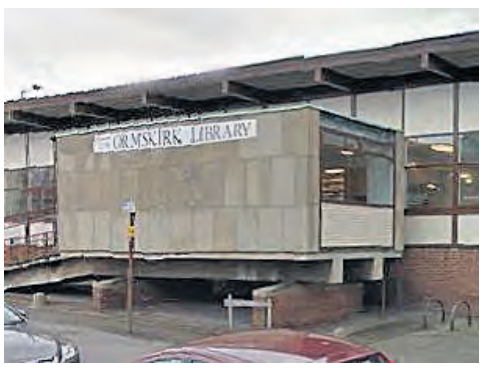
The week will provide an opportunity for people to find out about activities the libraries offer, including digital resources, learning opportunities and family activities.

This year's theme is celebrating the role of libraries in the digital world and events and activities at local libraries will support this. The aim is to celebrate and explore how libraries are engaging communities through technology, building digital skills and confidence, encouraging digital participation and inclusion, supporting health, wellbeing and education and supporting local business and enterprise.

Activities will include sessions where people can research their family tree using the libraries' free access to the Ancestry and Find My Past services; a chance to sample in virtual reality and voice technology and sessions on online safety showing how to spot scams.

People can also learn the basics of shopping safely online and how to register an account with BorrowBox to download books and eAudio.

And Lego clubs that run in libraries will also be taking part in the Chartered Institute of Librarians and Information Professionals (CILIP) competition to get creative and to build their Library of the Future out of Lego.



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Lancashire County Council's cabinet member for community and cultural services, Councillor Peter Buckley, said: "We're taking part in the national week to celebrate all that we offer in our much-loved libraries.

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"We've planned some really relevant activities for people, to help them in the digital age.

"I hope that people see this as an opportunity to take a fresh look at their local library, discover what's on offer and encourage their friends and family to do the same."

People can call in at their local library to find out more about Libraries Week and the events and activities taking place.

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West Lancs firms fail to make it into final of tourism awards

...but organisers claim local businesses didn't even bother to enter!

Lancashire Tourism Awards 2019

Report by **Kenny Parker**

MARKETING Lancashire has revealed the finalists in the Lancashire Tourism Awards 2019 - and there isn't a single entrant from West Lancashire!

Organisers say, however, that businesses have not been putting themselves forward for the competition.

The annual event, organised to promote Lancashire's best tourism businesses, has 21 categories including Pub of the Year, Restaurant of the Year, Small and Large Visitor Attractions of the Year, and Visitor Experience of the Year.

In all there are 84 finalists, though a few businesses are in more than one category.

There is also a separate category for Tourism Superstar Award which is voted on by the public.

While last year there was one entry from West Lancs (Artisan Foodworks in Burscough for Visitor Experience Award) and the year before, three entries (New Business Award, Large Visitor Attraction, and Visitor Experience for Moor Hall, Aughton, Farmer Ted's Adventure Park, Ormskirk and Farmeggdon, Ormskirk, respectively), this year there is not a single venue listed from the borough.

When asked why that is, Marketing Lancashire, the agency charged with promoting the county on a national and international stage, and which runs the awards, said that businesses have simply not been applying.

A spokesperson for the awards said: "The Lancashire Tourism Awards is a self-nominating competition with all tourism businesses across the county able to submit applications in 22 wide-ranging categories. These things can be quite cyclical and there are many reasons why people defer for a year or simply choose not to apply. Businesses may choose not to apply until they have completed a development or could simply have future plans they feel will lead to a stronger application.

"The Lancashire Tourism Awards are the county's foremost annual awards for the industry and are open to all Lancashire tourism businesses. We hope that over the next 12 months more businesses in West Lancashire will aim to be part of this celebration of Lancashire tourism."

Marketing Lancashire says that the county's visitor economy is worth £4.25 billion and a major contributor to the wider Lancashire economy. Tourism businesses help attract over 67 million visitors to the county, the agency says.

Each of the finalists in the Lancashire Tourism Awards will now be invited to interviews with the expert panels of judges, before the winner in each of the 22 categories will be announced in Blackpool this November.

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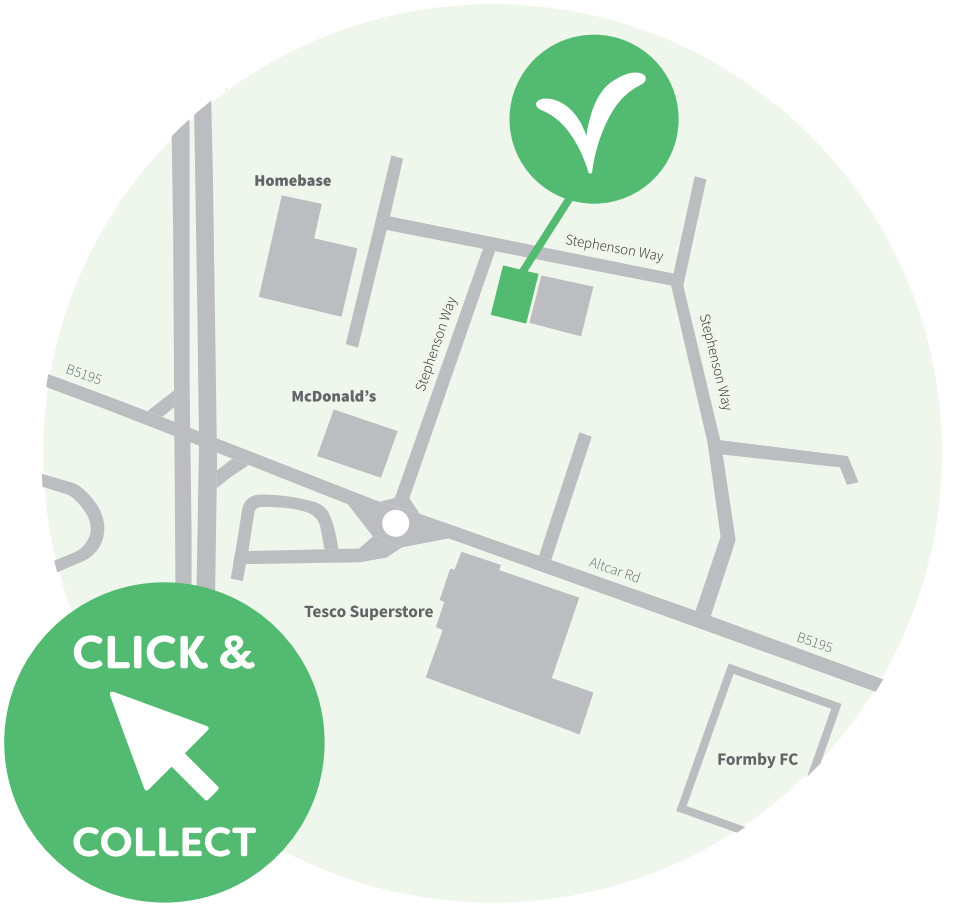

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Free service is launched to help businesses prepare for UK's planned departure from EU

Report by **Henry James**

A NEW free service has been launched to help businesses in West Lancashire prepare for the UK's planned EU departure on October 31.

The Government-funded Help for Brexit service is being run by the North and Western Lancashire Chamber of Commerce and aims to help businesses understand the steps they need to take to be ready for Brexit.

The support includes free-to-attend seminars, workshops, training courses and webinars, as well as expert information and access to a wealth of specialist advisers. It covers areas such as cross-border regulations, people, skills, tax, insurance, accounting and finance.

Babs Murphy, chief executive of the North and Western Lancashire Chamber of Commerce said: "The UK's impending departure from the EU will bring change for businesses of every size and sector.

Babs Murphy.

"We are working with the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy to deliver the most comprehensive programme of events being undertaken in the county to ready businesses for Brexit."

Around 20 events will take place during the month of October at venues in Preston, Blackpool and Leyland.

The first event will be held on October 1 and the service will continue until the UK's planned exit from the EU on October 31. It is free to all businesses operating in Lancashire, including West Lancashire, and includes businesses not currently a Chamber member.

The support will be delivered by business and international trade experts. It will help companies understand the information available from Government, including planning for leaving the EU without a deal.

Mr Murphy added: "While some companies are already planning for the challenges and opportunities ahead, we believe that all firms, not just those directly and immediately affected, should be undertaking preparation for a no-deal exit.

"The Chamber is on hand to help businesses navigate through the UK's departure from the EU".

Help for Brexit is funded by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy's Brexit Readiness Fund.

Full details of the Help for Brexit programme are at https://www.lancschamber.co.uk/helpforbrexit/

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So what does this mean for people involved in road traffic accidents? Currently, an individual has the ability to approach almost any litigation solicitor for assistance in making a claim for damages related to the injuries they have sustained as a result of their innocent involvement in a road traffic accident. This is because, most of these solicitors can currently offer a 'no-win, no- fee' funding arrangement to ensure their clients do not need to pay any legal fees up front. This is down to the fact that, generally, most people suffer whiplash type injuries in these accidents, the value of which is generally expected to exceed £1,000. If a current claim involving whiplash attains or exceeds this figure the solicitor gets paid fixed costs from the at fault driver's insurer and the process is financially viable for the solicitor and for their client.

Under the new Civil Liability Act, these provisions are set to change. A party suffering from whiplash injuries has to establish that their injuries are so severe that they would attain or exceed a value of £5,000 before their solicitor can receive their fixed costs legal fees from the at fault driver's insurer. This is, by in large, an unrealistic outcome for the bulk of these claims and as such the vast majority of solicitors helping these clients will no longer be able to offer them the benefit of a 'no-win, no-fee' agreement and will instead be paid privately by their clients – an often expensive exercise.

Currently, the unacted parts of the Civil Liability Act seem to have been pushed to the back of the Government's agenda given the ongoing issues relating to Brexit. We are not sure when the remainder of the Act will become law and we see no current stance for the changes to be applied retrospectively to claims already ongoing. In essence, if you were injured in a road traffic accident in the last 3 years and it was not your fault – act immediately to make a claim for the compensation you are entitled to.

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Armed forces ambassador walks 88 miles to recreate battalion's WW2 battle route

Report by **Kenny Parker**

AN armed forces ambassador from West Lancashire has walked 88 miles from Belgium to the Netherlands to recreate the walk made by his former battalion during World War Two.

Local Councillor Terry Devine, who is an 'Armed Forces Champion', walked the route his former battalion took during Operation Market Garden, when it helped liberate Dutch cities.

He also took on the challenge to raise money for the Royal British Legion.

Operation Market Garden was an attempt by Allied forces to create a path into the north of Germany between September 17 and 25, 1944. This was to be achieved by seizing a series of nine bridges by airborne forces with land forces swiftly following over the bridges.

Though it ultimately failed, the Operation liberated Dutch cities Eindhoven and Nijmegen along with many towns and created a 60 mile path into German-held territory,

Councillor Devine, who served with the Irish Guards, a regiment which took part in the WW2 operation, walked 88 miles from Leopoldsburg, in Belgium, to Arnhem, in the Netherlands, where commemorations were held for the 75th anniversary of Operation Market Garden.

Cllr Devine says that Leopoldsburg was where the Irish Guards grouped in 1944 before its armoured division led the way to Arnhem, through what is now called 'liberation corridor' by the Dutch.

The walk took four days and when all is completed he hopes to have raised £400 for the Royal Briish Legion

He explained his reason for undertaking the walk: "Whilst I was serving with the Irish Guards we were told tales of Operation Market Garden and also in 1986 I had the joy of chatting to Joe Vandeleur who as a brigadier was in charge of the Irish Guards Battle group at the time."

Terry Devine at Arnhem.

Joe was played by Michael Caine in the film A Bridge Too Far which tells the story of Operation Market Garden.

Cllr Devine joined the Irish Guards in 1984 and left the military in 2006. While serving in HM forces, he took part in three tours of Northern Ireland, was involved in the invasion of Iraq in 2003, and has been stationed in Germany. He has also travelled the world due to training in Belize, Hong Kong, Kenya, and Canada.

He now works in Skelmersdale with children with challenging behaviours, a job he says he really enjoys.

Last week, the Champion reported how Operation Market Garden veteran 94-year-old Joe Mawdsley, of Aughton, attended the commemorations in Arnhem where he also visited the graves of comrades who never made it home.

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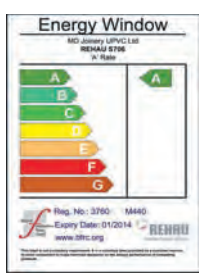

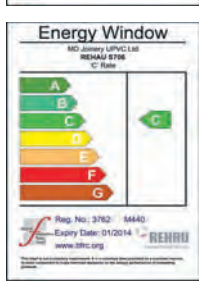

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Ignorant people getting in and out of their seats are spoiling nights at the theatre

I recently have had the 'pleasure' of several trips to the theatre in Liverpool.

Whilst I cannot praise highly enough the productions I went to see, my nights out were rather spoiled by what seems to be a modern curse - bad manners!

I cannot for the life of me understand why people would pay to see a show, yet continually get up from their seats to go and do whatever it is they feel the need to do. Whether that is going to the loo, sending a text, going on their phone, or whatever else it might be - what is up with these people?

Were they born ignorant or are they just inconsiderate to the enjoyment of people who actually do want to sit and watch the shows they have paid to see?

These people brazenly get up from their seats without a thought for anyone - audience or performers - and exit the auditorium as though it is a perfectly acceptable way to behave.

I wish these ignoramuses would just stay away from the theatre and spend their money somewhere else.

Being able to take drinks to their seats no doubt renders these people unable to 'hold on' until the interval of the show or its ending so perhaps they should think more carefully about what they consume prior to taking their position in the theatre or, if these morons can't wait to text or ring someone on their mobiles, perhaps just force yourself to switch them off for a couple of hours... and enjoy what you paid good money to see.

It really is putting many people off going to the theatre (or the cinema/concerts for that matter) and I can only see waning audiences if it is not sorted out.

Theatres used to be civilised places where good mannered people could go and enjoy themselves and watch a show without the frustration of having to get up from their seat every two minutes to let someone who can't hold their drink take a pee!

So come on theatres, it's your responsibility to get things in order. How about some signs around the place, or on tickets even, to point out how getting up mid-show can spoil the night for others. It might just make such inconsiderate people have a little more thought for the enjoyment of others.

'Hacked off theatre-goer'
(name, address supplied)

Something to celebrate!

At last, something to celebrate.

Our council has been successful in their bid to receive extra funding for our town.

Our thoughts, however, must also go to all those towns who missed out on what appeared to be almost a lottery, or a bribe!

I understand that the money must be spent on specific heritage improvement projects, so my vote is for our historic market to be a beneficiary, it certainly fits that bill !

J. Myers ,
Ormskirk

Pleasant park ruined

While out walking the dog it is becoming more apparent that certain members of the public take great pleasure in throwing anything available in the lake at Coronation Park.

Only this morning, an office chair and two supermarket trollies have made it there. On this occasion avoiding the brook as it was too full of trollies already.

Having removed trollies and prams on a few occasions myself in a vein hope to stop flood issues, only to see them back in again, it's gone too far now.

These trollies are from supermarket Morrisons - they are the responsibility of the store and so surely they should make some effort to get them.

This was once a pleasant park..

Dave - a dog walker,
Ormskirk (name, address supplied)

PICTURE of the week

Our 'Picture of the Week' this week was taken by Champion reader, Piotr Maczka, who took this unusual shot from Crosby Beach of an Iron Man looking out to sea as the tide swept in all around him!
Send your contributions for Picture of the Week to editorial@champnews.com
Please include your full name, what area you are from, and a brief description of your picture.

Heart goes out to staff

With regard to the sad collapse of Thomas Cook.

I appreciate thousands of people have had their holidays ruined by this, and my heart goes out to them all.

But my heart goes out even more to the staff who have lost their livelihoods through no fault of their own.

I was a regular customer at Thomas Cook in Skelmersdale and a nicer bunch of people you couldn't meet.

R.Thomas, (by email)

Police and traffic wardens need to solve uni traffic problem

I understand that Edge Hill are applying to again extend into greenfield land to build another car park.

They do, I believe, have a travel plan to discourage car travel by not allowing students and staff to park cars if they live within five kilometres or live near good public transport to Ormskirk and are able to use the frequent bus from Ormskirk station to the university.

To further reduce car use I would suggest that they increase the five kilometre rule to 10 kilometers and introduce a charge for car parking.

As for the problem of cars being parked inconveniently outside the university I would suggest a more aggressive use of the police and traffic wardens to solve the problem.

J Berry,
Aughton

On campus parking needed at university

After enduring over five weeks closure of Scarth Hill Lane (between Ruff Lane and St Helens Road) we now have to 'negotiate' our way through totally inconsiderate parking by the Edge Hill community.

It was chaos on a recent Tuesday morning taking 45 minutes to travel two miles. I did not even gain any satisfaction seeing well over 50 vehicles displaying yellow parking tickets later in the day!

Its a matter of 'when not if' an accident happens.

There is only one solution to this and that is Edge Hill University needs to provide parking 'on campus' for its students and staff.

Name, address
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■ PLEASE note: All views and opinions expressed in letters to the editor are solely those of the authors.

Multi-storey for Edge Hill?

If it was possible, Edge Hill University would take all our lovely green belt.

This is the university's answer to everything as stated in The Champion dated September 25, 2019.

How many football fields have they got and how many are actually used? I haven't noticed them all being used at the same time.

Edge Hill University should follow the example from other universities and use a Park and Ride outside of Ormskirk town.

If they are not happy buying land to do this then a multi-story car park would sort the problem.

Unfortunately the university isn't interested in supporting the residents of Ormskirk. Management does not live in Ormskirk so they don't see the problem the parking is causing residents.

We say 'NO' to more green belt being used. The university has taken enough of our green belt. It is time to stop being so selfish and take a look at how you are ruining our lovely town.

Jean Taylor, Ormskirk

Golfers club together to raise thousands of pounds for charity

Report by **Henry James**

MEMBERS of Mossock Hall Golf Club in Ormskirk have played their part for older people in Lancashire by raising £3,399 for local charity Age UK Lancashire.

Jeanette Curlett, Lady Captain for season 2018-19, chose Age UK Lancashire as her charity of choice for the year as the work they do around dementia support was something close to her heart.

Throughout the golfing season Jeanette together with fellow members worked hard to organise various fundraising events involving all the members at the club.

David Ward for Age UK Lancashire said: "When we first met with Jeanette to thank her for supporting us, we were blown away by her passion and drive to raise as much money and awareness of our services as possible.

"We have been in regular contact with each other throughout the season and informing the members about the various campaigns and services we provide as well as assisting with their fundraising activities".

The money will stay locally and go towards supporting Age UK Lancashire's day centres and providing the free-of-charge information and advice service, ensuring people can get the right benefits, housing support, health and social care, and access other help they may need.

Mossock Hall Golf Club president Ann Moore, left, and Jeanette Curlett with the cheque for £3,399

Another member, Pam Williams was also so keen to support the charity that she knitted some 'Twiddlemuffs' and kindly donated them to the Day Time Support service, which Age UK Lancashire run from their Wellbeing Centre in Ormskirk. Twiddlemuffs are a hand muff with various textures and items attached inside and out designed to provide a stimulation activity for restless hands for patients suffering from dementia.

David Ward added: "We are so grateful to Jeanette for first of all choosing our charity to support but also to Pam for making the Twiddlemuffs and other members including the Men's captain John Power, who really have worked hard this year.

"When Jeanette presented me with the cheque I was blown away by the huge amount they had raised."

University student nurses to be offered jobs

A LOCAL NHS provider of mental health and community services is offering student nurses the opportunity to secure nursing posts while in their second year of university.

Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust is hosting a recruitment event for mental health and learning disability student nurses who are in their second year of nurse training where they will also be offered an interview on the day.

Attendees will also be able to learn more about the trust and the types of services on offer and also speak to clinicians. The event is to be held on October 21 at The Lantern Centre, Vicarage Lane, Fulwood.

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National Trust supporters want to see new faces join

MEMBERS of the Ormskirk and District Association of National Trust (ODANTM) are inviting members of the public to join them for fun, fellowship and enjoyment.

The group holds regular talks and the first of this year's winter programme, entitled The History of Leyland Motors, will be at the Ministry Centre at Christ Church in Aughton tonight (Wednesday, October 2) starting at 8pm.

Admission is free for members and £2 for visitors who are 'most welcome to attend.'

There will also be a coffee morning at Emmanuel Church on Derby Street in Ormskirk on Saturday, October 19 from 10am to noon. Coffee or tea and scones are included in the ticket price of £3, available at the door. There will also be cake and produce stalls.

Meanwhile the group is also organising a visit for members to Hoghton Tower in Preston around Christmas time. This will include a tour, afternoon tea and musical entertainment.

Membership of ODANTM, which does not require membership of National Trust, is £10 for an individual and £15 per couple.

For details of how to join or for more details about future events, attend the first talk or visit odantm.wordpress.com

A spokesperson for the group said: "We hope to see you soon."

Big Red Bus is on the road again

FOLLOWING a break for the summer, the Mellors Catering Services' Big Red Bus is on the road again.

This month it will be visiting schools in West Lancashire, starting with Delph Side Community Primary in Skelmersdale.

The bus will then continue onto a number of schools, including Lordsgate Township C of E Primary School in Burscough and Tarleton Community Primary.

Mellors, who are based in Skelmersdale, are also celebrating because their Big Red Bus has been shortlisted in the Innovation category of the Educatering Excellence Awards 2019.

This national award seeks to recognise a caterer working in the education sector for an innovative idea or project that brings something different to their offering - and the Big Red Bus certainly does that!

Schoolchildren having fun at the Mellors Big Red Bus Launch

A spokesperson for Mellors said: "This traditional double decker London bus is kitted out with a kitchen facility, serving hatch and upstairs dining area for 32 people, as well as an outside dining area with music. It is touring schools and businesses across the North of England, the Midlands and Wales to provide an extra special dining experience to Mellors customers.

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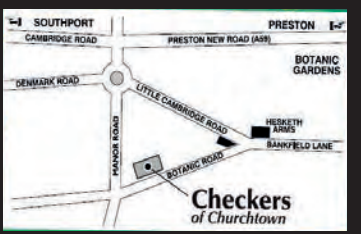

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Merseyrail launches WhatsApp service as new way for passengers to contact them

TRAIN users will now be able to use WhatsApp to get in touch with Merseyrail after they launched a new communication service.

The rail firm claim the instant messaging service will allow them to "provide more immediate one-to-one solutions" for passengers who can use the free app on their mobile phone.

Whether it is a question or comment about the current regular train service, ticket enquiries, accessibility or any feedback about a journey, messaging Merseyrail on WhatsApp will be the quickest way of getting information.

Merseyrail has set up WhatsApp as a new communication service

Passengers wanting to use the WhatsApp feature can send a message to 0151 555 1111 between 6am and 11pm Monday to Saturday and 10am to 6pm on Sundays.

Suzanne Grant, Commercial Director at Merseyrail, said: "We are going through a period of modernisation and transformation with the introduction of new state-of-the-art trains and smart ticketing initiatives, so it makes sense to offer a more instant customer service tool to our passengers.

"WhatsApp is an incredibly popular service and we are thrilled to be able to offer this as a support channel to anyone using or wishing to use the Merseyrail network as part of our commitment to customer experience."

Maria Nelligan

Trust has new face in charge of Nursing and Quality

LANCASHIRE Care NHS Foundation Trust has recently appointed a new director of Nursing and Quality from an NHS trust that was rated 'Outstanding'.

Maria Nelligan has joined Lancashire Care from North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust (NSCHT) which the Care Quality Commission (CQC) rated 'Outstanding' in March this year.

NSCHT is one of only two specialist mental health trusts in the country to be rated Outstanding.

She is "committed" to ensuring improvements in the delivery of mental health provision across Lancashire and South Cumbria along with the Trust's partner organisations that include Northumberland Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust, which was also rated 'Outstanding' by the CQC.

Maria Nelligan, director of nursing and quality at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said of her appointment: "I am absolutely delighted to be taking on this exciting role at Lancashire Care. It will be a privilege to have the opportunity to support quality improvement with service users, staff and also partners."

She has a nursing background and on completing her Registered Nurse training in Learning Disabilities in Ireland moved to Australia in 1986 to extend her experience.

She came to the UK in 1990 and worked as a community nurse in Merseyside. She has held a number of operational and clinical roles, including professional lead and services manager.

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John McCormick and wife Rita (both left) with impressionist and comedian Jon Culshaw at a Rotary Club event during his time as club President.

Founder retiring after four decades is 'great role model'

Report by **Kenny Parker**

THE director at Ormskirk's Myersons, Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors, has paid tribute to company founder John McCormick, who has retired after 40 years in practice.

John was often featured in the Champion when he was President of the Ormskirk Rotary Club during 2018-19, during which time the organisation raised £8,000 for good causes. Included in that sum was £2,500 he raised for Prostate Cancer UK by taking part in West Lancashire Summer Triathlon.

The 68-year-old opened the office on Derby Street back in 1996, with his wife, his only staff member at that time.

He leaves the practice in the hands of his long-standing co-directors Paul Rothwell and Nikki Price, together with his team of valued staff members.

John said: "I would like to thank all of my clients and everyone at Myersons team for their support over the years and I would like to wish them continued success.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in practice. "However, the industry is vastly changing and demanding and I am looking forward to a relaxed period of my life."

Nikki Price added: "John has been a great role model having mentored me throughout my career, it's a bittersweet time for the practice.

"John is a great character who will be truly missed by clients and staff alike.

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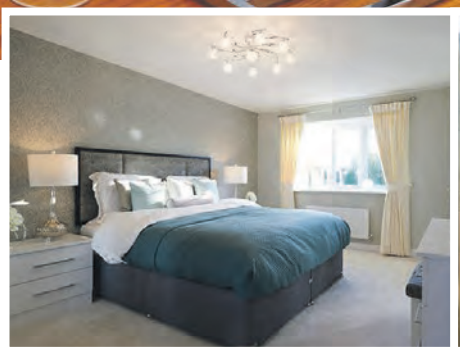

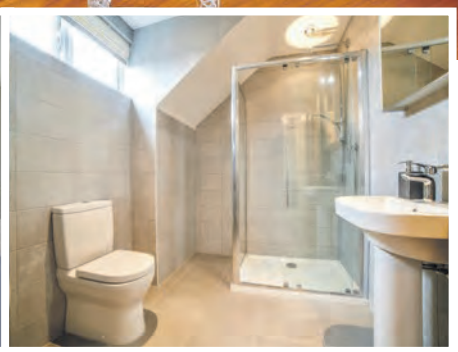

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Council to change 'short break' provision for children with special needs and disabilities

Report by **Kenny Parker**

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson.

LANCASHIRE County Council is changing its short breaks provision for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families.

Through short breaks, parents and carers get support and time away from their caring responsibilities and can have a short break.

This can also provide children and young people with the opportunity to get involved in community activities, have fun, spend time with friends and develop independence away from their families.

The county council wants to hear the view of parent/carers of children with special educational needs and/or disabilities who have used a short break service from April 2018 onwards.

A survey has been launched which can be filled in online at the website: www.lancashire.gov.uk

The survey takes about 15 minutes to complete and must be submitted by Monday October 21. Call 01772 532509 or email Find@lancashire.gov.uk if you would prefer a printed questionnaire.

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson, cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "We're working more closely with the families of children and young people with special educational needs to help with redesigning our short breaks provision.

"For people who care for others, it's important that they can get some time for themselves, such as for a few household tasks, to spend time with other members of the family or even just to relax. Your views are really important to us."

Alongside the survey, the county council will also be meeting with parents and carers and holding workshops.

This new survey follows a proposal earlier this year to stop the Lancashire Break Time service, which will continue in its current form until the review and any redesign of the short breaks provision has been completed.

Any proposals will be presented to county council's cabinet in March 2020.

People who currently use the short break offer will be contacted with details for the survey.

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Record number of people need heart transplants

Report by **Henry James**

HEART transplant waiting lists are at a record high across the country with more than 300 people relying on an organ donor to save their life.

Following World Heart Day on Sunday (September 29), NHS Blood and Transplant is highlighting that there are more than 300 people hoping for the call that a heart has been found for them.

The waiting list for hearts has increased more than 130% in the last decade. As awareness and knowledge around heart transplants has grown, more people are being referred for heart transplants.

The ability to use ventricular assist devices (VADs) also means patients are able to wait longer.

More donated hearts are needed to help the 313 patients currently waiting for a transplant.

One person who knows what the wait for a heart transplant is like is Patrick McCann, aged 37 from Lancashire. He was born with a heart defect and was put on the waiting list more than four years ago. He shared his story last World Heart Day and this year he is still waiting.

Patrick said: "Another year on the list has been filled with uncertainty. I have recently had to quit my job in retail due to feeling anxious and also due to chest pains and tiredness while working.

"I try to keep myself occupied and have recently completed a counselling course which really helped me to deal with the feelings stirred up by waiting for a transplant. Such as if I get my transplant in time, how I will feel after my transplant and if I will survive.

"I am now looking for something to fill my time while waiting for my heart transplant."

The average wait for an adult who needs a heart transplant is nearly three years, that is an average of 1,085 days, for patients who have never been on the urgent waiting list and 30 days for those adults who have been on the urgent list. These patients are relying on a person or family to say 'yes' to organ donation in order to save their life.

Anthony Clarkson, director of Organ Donation and Transplantation at NHS Blood and Transplant, said: "We can save more lives if more organs are donated, and we urgently need more hearts to help the hundreds of people waiting for a transplant."

Next year, the law around organ donation is changing in England and Scotland. From spring 2020 in England and autumn 2020 in Scotland, all adults (those aged over 18 in England and over 16 in Scotland) will be considered as having agreed to donate their own organs when they die unless they record a decision not to donate, or are in one of the excluded groups. This system was introduced in Wales in December 2015.

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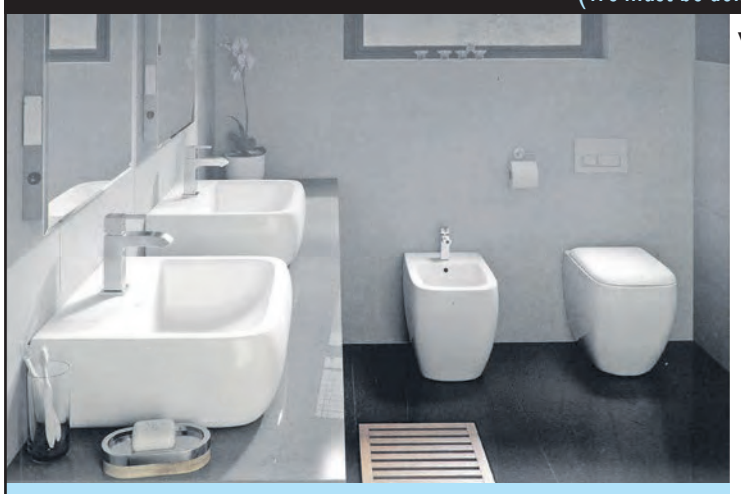

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Left, Cynthia in her award-winning garden and right, triple winners Fred and Susan

Gardening champs retain their titles

Report by **Kenny Parker**

GREEN-FINGERED champions of Hesketh Bank's 'Best Kept' awards have held on to their crowns for another year.

The annual awards organised by the parish council judge the best kept front garden, allotment and street.

Winners of the first two categories in this year's competition also won last year. In fact, the allotment keepers have won for the third time and have asked not to be entered again, in order to 'give others a chance.'

Cynthia Collister, 72, of May Cottage on Meadow Lane, who won the front garden category from a shortlist of 17, said: "I really didn't think I would win again this year as there are so many lovely gardens in the village."

Meanwhile Fred and Susan Smith, owners of Plot 37 on Hesketh Bank Allotments, are celebrating winning the allotment category out of a shortlist of 13.

The couple were joint winners with plot 15 in 2015 and were surprised to win again in 2018, so couldn't believe it when they got the letter informing them that they had won again - with their prize tickets to the Southport Flower Show.

Fred, 68, said, "We were late getting started on the plot this year and are grateful to John Birchall on plot 15 for helping us out."

Susan, 67, added: "We were delighted but asked the judges not to include us next year, to give others a chance."

The winner of the best kept street, from a short-list of six, was Rose Gardens, which will be given a plaque.

Judges of the competition were Liz Tyson of Landsdowne Camping, Sue Watson, leader of the local U3A Gardening Group and John Daniel Jaques, secretary of West Lancs Allotments Federation.

Ray Roukin, general manager of the Southport Flower Show and chair of the judges said: "Thank you to everyone who made the village look so beautiful this year and gave us quite a lot to debate!

"In addition to this we would like to mention those that maintain the public open spaces."

Parish councillor Diane Earles, who led the working party for the project said: "We would like to thank our judges for their hard work and deliberations.

"We have a lot of people that take pride in their part of Hesketh Bank and recognising this is what our competition is all about. Congratulations to the winners - and to everyone in the village - for continuing to make it a pleasant place to live."

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Tatties are a regional must... but devolution has just gone too far!

THIS is my second attempt at composing a 'Dog' column for this week - the original which commented on the farce that used to be Brexit has been overtaken by events which render trying to make sense of what our elected politicians are up to in their own, strange, closed world totally beyond me.

So let's get back to the real world of... potatoes.

You know where you are with potatoes - or at least I thought I did 'till a visit to Ormskirk market last week proved you can be in the wrong place at the right time even in the potato world.

You will remember that I recommended this street market if you wished to buy genuine Ormskirk new potatoes.

And I gave a kind of cryptic clue as to where in the market you could find these apparently elusive tasty treats.

Well last week I was selecting a few more of these, but in fact at a different stall from the one I mentioned a week or two ago and I was approached by a woman who obviously knew I was One Man temporarily without his Dog, who asked if this was the stall I had recommended to buy them - and I truthfully said no.

And after a short conversation she walked off, presumably to buy the same Ormskirk potatoes I was purchasing - but at my original stall.

Which should have been quite OK - until a little later I wandered down to the stall I had first found the new tatties - only to discover that yes, they were still selling new potatoes - but this time genuine Lincolnshire ones!

I don't know which my new friend bought in the end - but I do so hope she enjoyed them whichever side of the country they came from.

Now obviously I know that just about every county must produce its own new potatoes - I wonder though if they all taste significantly different?

Incensed

And for that matter, I wonder if my dad had any idea where the Sharp's Express potatoes he grew for a while actually originated from.

Because he hailed from Grimsby - and was inordinately proud of the fact that he was a Lincolnshire man. He was having nothing to do with the Government meddling which put Grimsby in North - or is it South - Humberside.

Had he known of Lincolnshire new potatoes, I'm one hundred per cent certain that it would have been those that the Sharpe family would have been tucking into! Does it matter? Well I reckon it does

A Scot or a Welshman would be rightly incensed if any government was silly enough to try to tell them they were all Englishmen.

A Cornish pastie should be made in Cornwall.

But having said all that, I still feel that all of us on this island - and those living in the northern bit of the island of Ireland - are British citizens. They are not separate nations. They are part of the United Kingdom.

Yet I am all for devolution - up to a point.

We (most of us anyway) share a language, yes, even in Liverpool and Newcastle on Tyne, and share so much of our services such as electricity, gas and water. If any one of our citizens wants to join the armed forces, it is the British Army, Navy or Air force they serve in.

Sure, government money can and should be devolved to the regions to be spent by people who have at least some idea of what the folk living in that neck of the woods want and need, but I truly believe that devolution has gone too far.

We have jumped up politicians as Mayors of our large conurbations - even though few of the locals ever wanted them - with ever widening powers to take charge of facilities (such as railways and bus services) of which they have no knowledge or expertise and want to run everything on party lines. Which destroys the very thing we all need - properly joined up services, not regional fiefdoms.

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Report by **Kenny Parker**

Amanda Boult (left) with Michael Dawson and partner Debra Baldwin (right) along with Tesco staff as they present them with the funds.

A LOCAL history buff has thanked supporters after his scheme to give books to local care homes was so successful he was able to extend it to also benefit more than 20 schools.

Michael Dawson, founder of Images of Burscough and the Surrounding Areas, appealed for the public's support in June when he entered the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme at the supermarket giant's Burscough Bridge branch.

The scheme provides lump sums of £1,000, £2,000 and £4,000 to causes chosen by the public.

Michael's plan was to create new books based on the history of local areas to add to the seven he had already made, and supply 25 local care homes that look after people with dementia with copies.

The books contain lots of old photos from the various areas and are useful in helping residents living with dementia to reminisce and to start conversations.

From the Tesco scheme Michael won £2,000 and he was also awarded a further £840.74 from the Burscough Scarecrow Festival Committee.

As well as this, he also added £350 of his own money to the pot. Putting the money to work, and with the help of partner Debra Baldwin, the history enthusiast was able to produce seven new books and then distribute copies of 14 books and booklets on local history to 28 care homes in West Lancs, including in Ormskirk, Aughton, Rufford, Croston, Parbold and Skelmerdale. He also gave a set to Southport Hospital's Dementia Department.

However, the money went even further than that as he was also able to provide books to 23 primary schools in West Lancashire.

Burscough resident Amanda Boult, who works for Alzheimer's Society and who volunteers with West Lancs Dementia Friendly Community, said that there are so many areas in West Lancs covered by the history books that there is "something for everyone".

She said: "Michael has done a fantastic job, the books are going to be really useful for care home staff to use and they are going to be really useful for family members visiting the care homes, for when they perhaps run out of conversation or don't know what to say."

Headteacher Karen Cartwright at St John's CofE Primary School in Burscough added: "The children love using the books and the photos are hugely meaningful because they show the area - ie Burscough, where they live."

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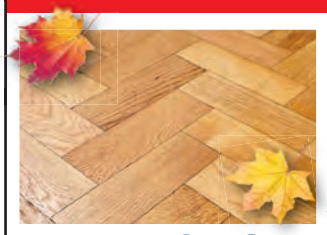

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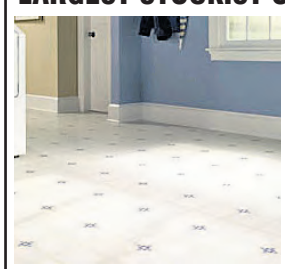

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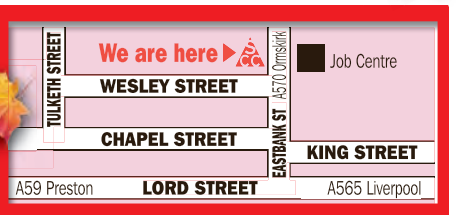

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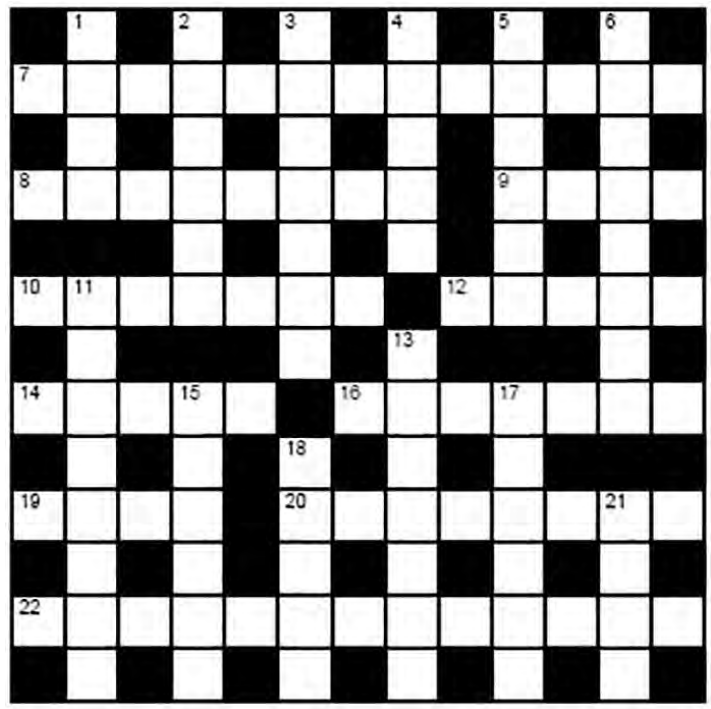

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ACROSS

7. A piece of equipment that you hold in your hand and use to change channels on a television (6,7)
8. Exercise of raising the body by using arms (8)
9. An imaginary line about which a body rotates (4)
10. A person with a lot of experience in something (3,4)
12. In a way that is different to what is usual or expected; strangely (5)
14. The rate at which someone or something moves or operates or is able to move or operate (5)
16. A bird with a heart-shaped face, black eyes, typically nesting in farm buildings (4,3)
19 A flat, thin circular object (4)
20. Point out; show (8)
22. Container with a teat to drink directly from, which is typically used by infants and young children (7,6)

DOWN

1. Burn or scorch the surface of (something) with a sudden, intense heat (4)
2. A soup made with beetroot and usually served with sour cream, associated with the cuisine of Russia, and Poland (6)
3. A popular dance of Caribbean origin, similar to the foxtrot (7)
4. Engage in a sporting contest in which two opponents on horseback fight with lances (5)
5. Leave (a boat, sailor, or sea creature) aground on a shore (6)
6. The husband of one's child (3-2-3)
11. With one part or section lower or smaller than the other (8)
13. A monetary amount owed to a creditor that is unlikely to be paid (3,4)
15. The former basic monetary unit of Portugal (6)
17. A fine or subtle detail or distinction (6)
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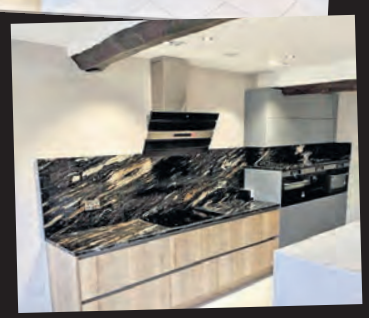

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Opportunity to see one of country's best-loved pianists

Brodsky Quartet. Picture by Sarah Cresswell

MUSIC lovers have exciting opportunity to see one of the country's foremost quartets perform with distinguished pianist Martin Roscoe in Parbold this autumn.

Tickets are available from Parbold Douglas Music to hear the Brodsky Quartet play a programme of music by Sir Edward Elgar in the Auditorium at Parbold Village Hall on Saturday, October 12 at 7.45pm.

As one of Britain's best-loved pianists, Martin Roscoe will be known to many of Parbold Douglas Music's concert-goers as he has appeared in their concert season on several occasions.

He has a close relationship with the Brodsky Quartet, who perform around the world and have released more than 60 recordings.

Together they have selected a trio of Elgar's finest pieces of chamber music - his String Quartet in E minor, his Violin Sonata and his Piano Quintet in A minor - which they will perform in the intimacy of Parbold Village Hall's Auditorium.

The three works were all composed in 1918 in the beautiful surroundings of rural Sussex where Elgar was staying while he recovered from a spell of ill-health.

The first part of the concert is certain to conjure up the atmosphere of late summer in the countryside, perfect for an audience in Parbold as the nights begin to draw in. Elgar's wife particularly loved the slow movement of the Quartet, which evoked images of 'captured sunshine' to her. Elgar himself described his Violin Sonata as 'full of golden sounds'.

The Piano Quintet, the last of the works Elgar began composing that summer, takes on a more haunting mood - 'ghostly stuff' in Elgar's own words - but the sublime and expressive melodies build to a joyful conclusion, ending the evening on the perfect note.

Tickets are £18 for adults and £5 for young persons and students. To book tickets visit www.parbolddouglasmusic.org /email tickets@pmdlancs.org / telephone 01257 498452 (answerphone).

The cast of the show

Too Friendly Theatre's latest production was an 'invigorating experience'

Review by **Ron Ellis**

William Shakespeare's Long Lost First Play (Abridged)
Too Friendly Theatre at Ormskirk Civic Hall

A WEEK ago I reviewed One Man Two Guvnors, a performance that was more like a pantomime than a play.

This week I have seen a play that was more like a variety show complete with a cast of comedians.

The idea was to take famous speeches from all Shakespeare's plays and turn them into some sort of narrative, something the playwrights (Reed Martin and Austin Tichenor) have also done with, among others, the Bible and the History of America.

The curtain opened to reveal the actors lined up onstage to introduce themselves to the audience and explain that they would be changing characters and costumes throughout the evening.

They then launched themselves for the next frantic 120 minutes (including a 20 minute interval) of nonstop, knockabout humour, clever wordplay and different identities by the minute, with asides to the audience along the way. Not a plot in sight but plenty of allusions to familiar Shakespeare's texts.

Among their other roles like Henry V and Caliban, Joanne Wasilew and Tracey Holmes-Smith acted as hosts in the guise of Puck and Ariel.

Along the way, Cliff Gillies played Bottom and Richard III; Jen Johnson was Lady Macbeth and Cleopatra; Neil Woods, Hamlet, and King Lear while Susan Fryer became Caesar and Henry VII.

And the jokes weren't confined to The Bard. I heard words like Brexit slipped into the conversations and calls to members of the audience to help with the scenery were all part of the mixture.

The pace was fast and furious but the timing of the cast was spot on. No hesitations. No mistimed moves. A very professional show so that, if you weren't amused by one gag, another one would arrive seconds later and have you laughing.

As a result, the evening passed in no time and there was a sense of cheerful camaraderie among the audience who were, after all, part of a show which really deserved a more intimate setting than a dance hall.

Star rating 7 out of 10. An invigorating experience.

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In A View from a Hill a pair of old binoculars reveals the gruesome history behind an idyllic stretch of English landscape.

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The ghost stories of M R James (1862 – 1936) are widely regarded as the finest ever written and, over a century after their first publication, they've lost none of their power to terrify and amuse.

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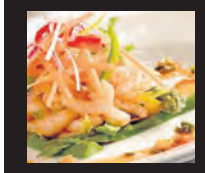

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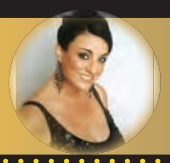

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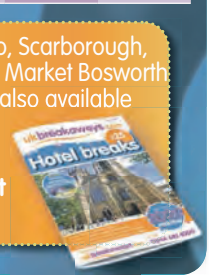

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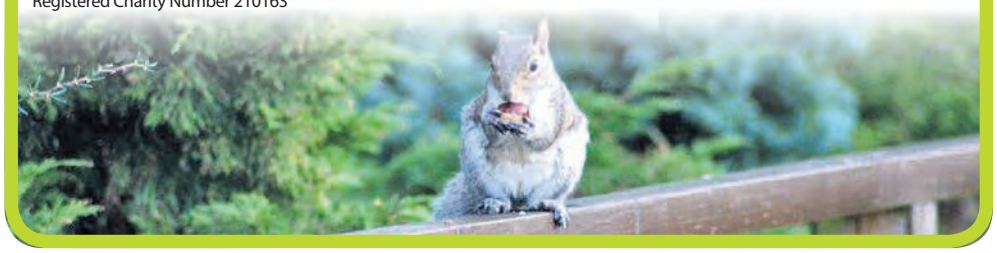

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DEATHS

DENOVAN SHEILA

Peacefully at her home in Burscough aged 68 years

With her loving Husband by her side

BRUCE DOREEN

27th September 2019

Doreen died peacefully at Lancaster Court Care Home aged 88 years, and will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Funeral service and committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Friday 11th October 2019 at 2.00pm. No flowers please but instead a donation may be made if you wish to a charity of your own choice.

Further enquiries please to Brookfields Funeralcare, 73-75 Shakespeare Street, Southport, PR8 5AJ. Tel No: 01704 532106

WHARTON MARGERY MARY

Passed away peacefully 27 September 2019 at Springfield Court Nursing Home

Loving Wife of the late John David Wharton. Devoted Mum to Stephen and Robert and Stephen's Wife Jenny. Much loved Gran to Eva, Greta and Johnny. For Funeral arrangements please contact Louis Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors 20, Moss Delph Lane. Aughton Ormskirk. Tel: 01695 424888

DEATHS

RIMMER MARY MARGARET (PEGGY)

23rd September 2019

Wonderful Mum, Nan and Great Nan. Reunited with her loving Husband Ernie. Keep on dancing Mum and Dad. Funeral service and committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Friday 11th October 2019 at 10.40am. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Queenscourt Hospice.

Further enquiries please to Brookfields Funeralcare, 73-75 Shakespeare Street, Southport PR8 5AJ Tel No: 01704 532106

CHARNOCK BARBARA

Passed away suddenly but peacefully at home aged 82 years of Ormskirk

Much loved Mum of Louis, Elizabeth & Michael. Dear Mother-in-law of Ann & Stephen Dearly loved Nan to Tom, Joe & Leah.

For Funeral arrangements and further enquiries please contact Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk Tel: 01695 424888.

DEATHS

PRICE TONY

21st September 2019 Passed away at Aintree Hospital

Beloved Husband of Jean. Loving elder Brother of David, Brother-in-law of Yolanda, Elsie and Howard. Adoring Uncle to Tanya and Alexis, loving and caring Great Uncle to Ariana and Andreos. Cremation at Thornton Crematorium on Tuesday 8th October 2019 at 11.20 am. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Cancer Research UK c/o H. Leslie Humphreys 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby, Liverpool. L23 5SE. Tel: 0151 924 4805

THOMAS IMELDA

19th September 2019

Aged 84 years

Died peacefully at Birkdale Park Nursing Home. Wife of the late William Thomas. Mother of Philip, Andrew and Alison. Loving Nana and Great-Nana. Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 7th October at 1:20pm. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being collected for Queenscourt Hospice. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

BALFOUR DERMOTT

In Southport Hospital, Aged 91 years.

Devoted Husband of the late Betty for 63 years. Brother of Maurice (Deceased), Hilary and much loved Uncle Dermott of the Conolly Family. Requiem Mass on Friday 4th October 2019 at St. George's Church Maghull at 10:00am followed by a committal service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough. Family flowers only please and Donations are welcome for The Marina Dalglish Centre. For all enquiries, please contact Graham J. Clegg Funeral Service, 7 Dover Road, Maghull L31 5JB 0151 520 3330

KIRBY RICHARD ERNEST (ERNIE)

25th September 2019 Passed away at Arranmore Park Care Home, Burscough Aged 88 years

Dearly beloved Husband of the late Rose. Dear Dad of Shirley and Father-in-Law of Peter. Much loved Grandad and Great-Grandad of Hannah, Hayley & Sophie

For Funeral arrangements please contact Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 22a, Liverpool Rd North, Burscough. Tel: 01704 891555.

DEATHS

DOOTSON ALMA

24th September 2019

Aged 83 Years

Died suddenly but peacefully surrounded by her family. Loving Wife of Peter, devoted Mother of John, Chris, Sara, David and Mother in law to Mandy, Michael, Jill and Tabitha. Cherished Grandma of Leanne, Craig, Tom, Jess, Ella, Matthew and Great Grandma to Theon. Alma will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Service at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Southport on Friday 11th October at 2:15pm followed by committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being collected for the Stroke Association. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR, Telephone: 01704 500086.

POWELL KEN

29th September 2019

Peacefully at his home in Skelmersdale aged 81 years

The dearly loved Husband of Margaret and a loving Dad and Grandad. Funeral service and interment at St Michael and All Angels Church, Dalton on Tuesday 8th October 2019 at 1:30pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

DEATHS

KELLY JOHN PATRICK

25th September 2019

Peacefully in hospital, aged 83 years. Loving Husband of Kath. Much loved Dad of Gill, Karen and Jane. Devoted Grandad to all his Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren. Dear Brother to Jimmy. John will be sadly missed by his family, friends and all who knew him. Funeral service and committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 8th October 2019 at 12 noon. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for The Alzheimer's Society. Further enquiries please to Brookfields Funeralcare, 73-75 Shakespeare Street, Southport, PR8 5AJ. Tel No: 01704 532106

WRIGHT JANE LOUISE

Passed away suddenly in hospital 26th September 2019 aged 53 years

Jane will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 11th October 2019 at 12.15pm. Family flowers only by request please. Donations if so desired are being gratefully received by the family for Cancer Research UK. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU Tel 01704 897770.

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DEATHS

HENRY SAMUEL LEDSON

20th September 2019

Aged 85 Years, Passed away peacefully in Aintree University Hospital.

He will be sadly missed by his loving Wife, Isabel, Sons David, Ian, Graham Father-in-Law to Lesley, Marie, Lesley Grandad to Robert, Georgia, Jack, Emma, Ben, Ryan and Richard. Great-Grandad to Eliza and Uncle. Henry's Family would like to thank Aintree Hospital for their excellent care of Henry, especially Ward 33 and his Funeral service is to be held at Thornton Crematorium on Friday 4th October 2019 at 12:00noon. Family flowers only please. Donations in memory of Henry will be gratefully received for The British Heart Foundation.
For all enquiries please contact
Graham J. Clegg
Funeral Service,
7 Dover Road, Maghull, L31 5JB
0151 520 3330

DEATHS

WHITE MALCOLM JOHN

23rd September 2019
Aged 71

Dearly loved Husband of Kim, much loved Father of Emma, Rebecca and Callum, Grandfather to Amelia and Brother to Glenys. Son of the late Mayor and Mayoress of Sefton, Councillor Ernest White and his Wife Audrey.

Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.
Malcolm worked for many years in the retail grocery trade including the family business Whites Creamery and latterly James Hall Limited.

He was also a well known supporter of the Southport and District Football League and a founder member of Wyke Cop Albion FC.

All enquiries to Bolton Funerals, 27a Haigh Road, Haigh, Wigan, WN2 1LB.
Tel: 01942 831262

DEATHS

CARPENTER CHRISTINE

22ND SEPTEMBER 2019

Peacefully at home, together with family
Aged 61 years

Loving and supporting wife of Andrew. Much loved Mum of Michelle, Christian, Karl and Darryl. Devoted Nannie to all her Grandchildren.
Christine will be sadly missed by her family, friends and all who knew her.
A thanksgiving service will take place at The Salvation Army in Shakespeare Street on Friday 4th October 2019 at 12.30pm, following on from a private committal.
Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Motor Neurone Disease Association and Queenscourt Hospice. Further enquiries please to Brookfields Funeralcare, 73-75 Shakespeare Street, Southport, PR8 5AJ.
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DEATHS

EMETT ANITA EDITH (STEVENS)

On 21st September 2019
Aged 49 Years

Beloved Wife of Jamie, Adored Daughter of Joan, Sister to Karen, loving Mum to Kelly, Ashleigh and Amy, Nana to Robie, Max, Raine and Libby. Loved and sadly missed by all who knew her, and forever in our hearts.
Requiem Mass will take place at St. Teresas Church on Monday 7th October at 11:15am followed by the interment at Sacred Heart Cemetery.
Family flowers only by request donations if so desired for the British Heart Foundation.
Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG.
Tel: 01704 214118

DEATHS

SOFTLEY TONY

On 21st September 2019.

Peacefully in a nursing home after a long illness bravely borne.

Aged 77 Years

Much loved Husband of Adrienne.
Precious Dad of Christopher and Venessa and adored Grand-Dad of Karl.
'Tony will be sadly missed by all his family and friends'.
Thanks to all the staff at Manchester House for their wonderful care given to Tony.
Funeral service will take place at St. Patricks Church on Thursday 3rd October at 2:00pm
Followed by the interment at Liverpool Road Cemetery.
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Donations and further enquires to
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Funeral Directors
100 Marshside Road
Southport PR9 9TG
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DEATHS

DALY CAROL ANN

Passed away peacefully 21st September 2019 aged 75 years of Ormskirk

Dearly Loved Wife of Frank.
Much Loved Mum of Tina, Stephen and Andrea, Carl and Clare,
Loving Grandma of Amandine, Liam, Cameron, Isobel and Ewan. Dear Great Grandma of Harvey, Holly, Jack and Isabella.
Loved and Missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service at West Lancs Crematorium on Monday 7th October 2019 at 12.15pm
Family flowers only please by request, but donations if so desired for North West Cancer Research.

Donations and further enquiries please to
Lisa Hunter
MLS Independent
Funeral Directors,
20, Moss Delph Lane,
Aughton Lancashire
Tel: 01695 424888.

DEATHS

HALLIWELL RHODA (NEE BRADBURY)

Died 20TH September 2019
In her 98th year

Peacefully at Elm House Nursing Home Southport. Precious and beloved Mother of Darryl and Darlene. Much loved Mother-in-Law to Peter. Dearest Grandmother to Michelle and her Husband Jon and loving Great-Grandmother to George and Florence. She will be greatly missed for all the love and care she gave to us, our cousins, extended family and all her wonderful friends. Many hearts were touched by her kindness.
Love you always.
Funeral service celebrating Rhoda's life at Salvation Army Church and Community Centre, 65 Shakespeare Street, Southport on Friday 11th October at 11.15am followed by committal at Southport Crematorium at 12.40pm. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired to The Salvation Army Southport. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

QUINLAN HARRY

sadly passed away 18th September 2019 aged 76 years

Dearly loved Husband, Dad, Grandad, Father-in-law and Brother.
Funeral service at 11am on Tuesday 8th October at St. Andrews Church, Leyland followed by private committal at Charnock Richard Crematorium.
Family flowers only. Donations if desired gratefully received for Lymphoma Action, Cancer Research and The Alzheimer's Society. Further information from www.davidcowburnfunerals.co.uk
Tel:01772 457887

RAYNOR RITA DOREEN

On 25th September 2019

Peacefully in Good Companions Care Home

Aged 92 years

Beloved Wife of the late Jack, loving Mum of Steven, dear Mother in law of Julie, much loved Grandma of Charlotte and James and their partners Matt and Jess.
Special thanks for the kindness and dedication of the staff at Good Companions Care Home and the Doctors and Staff at the Corner Surgery.
Funeral service will take place at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 9th October at 12:40pm.
Family flowers only by request, donations if so desired for Dementia UK.
Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG.
Tel: 01704 214118.

GENT-ANDERSON MYRNA

27th September 1938 - 25th September 2019

Aged 80 Years

Mother of Gina Louise, Beloved sister of John, Aunt of Dione, Douglas, Cousin to John, Alan, Roger, Robert, Geoffrey, Ann, Janet and Susan.
Funeral Service will take place at St John's Church Crossens on Thursday 10th October at 11.45am followed by the Committal at Southport Crematorium at 1.20pm.
Family flowers only by request donations if so desired for Cancer Research.
Donations and further enquires please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors
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ASHCROFT ALFRED (ALF)

Passed away 21st September 2019 aged 82 years of Ormskirk

Dearly Loved Husband of the late Sheila.
Much Loved Dad, Grandad, Great Grandad and Brother, Loved and Missed by all his Family and Friends.
Funeral Service at St. Cuthbert's Church, Halsall, on Tuesday 8th October 2019 at 12 noon, followed by committal at West Lancs Crematorium.
Family flowers only please by request but donations if so desired for SSAFA and NRAS.

Donations and further enquiries please contact
Margaret Hunter
MLS Independent
Funeral Directors,
20 Moss Delph Lane,
Aughton Lancashire
Tel: 01695 424888.

CASEY MARJORIE (MARGE)

23rd September 2019
Peacefully in hospital aged 83 years

Loving Wife of the late Tommy.
Devoted Mum of Susan, Tommy, Brian, Tony and Paul. Cherished Nan (Nanny Marge) of all her Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.
Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Thursday 3rd October at 11.30am.
Family flowers only please by request.
All enquiries
Margaret Whitelam
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Funeral Service,
29/31 Sandy Lane
Tel: 01695 559868

OLDHAMS RICHARDS PETER

Beloved Husband of Anne & devoted Father of Guy and Jonathan. Dearly loved Father-in-law of Joanne and adored by Abbey and Sophie, his lovely Grand daughters.

'R.I.P. until we are all together again'

Service to be held on Monday 7th October 2019 at West Lancashire Crematorium at 11.30am. Donations being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice and Mesothelioma.
All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors,
128b Burscough St,
Ormskirk L39 2EY
Tel:01695 572997

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TRAIN CATHERINE

25th September 2019
Peacefully in hospital aged 85 years

Loving Wife of George.
Devoted Mum of Ann, Susan and Mellanie. Dear Mother-in-law of Tony, David and Aslam. Cherished Grandma of Samantha, Thomas and Partners. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.
Funeral service will take place at St. Teresa's Church UpHolland on Friday 11th October at 10am followed by interment at West Lancashire Cemetery.
Family flowers only please by request.
Donations if desired for Parkinsons Society.
All enquiries
Margaret Whitelam,
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APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2019/0892/FUL Development of B2 & B8 uses including trailer park at Land To The South Of, Stopgate Lane, Simonswood.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
2019/0936/ARM Approval of Reserved Matters - Erection of 10 no affordable dwellings including details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale. Discharge of outline permission condition nos. 2, 8, 11 (in part), 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 (in part), 20, 21, and 24 (in part) and to amend areas of the S106 agreement through a Deed of Variation at Land To The Rear Of 38 Newarth Lane, Hesketh Bank.
2019/0944/FUL Variation of Condition No. 2 of planning permission 2017/0539/FUL to vary the approved plans at Needless Inn Farm Barn, Lady Alices Drive, Lathom.
The application affects a Listed Building.
2019/0954/FUL Proposed single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling at The Hollies, 17 Church Lane, Aughton.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2019/0964/LBC Listed Building Consent - Variation of Condition No 2 of planning permission 2017/0540/LBC to vary the approved plans at Needless Inn Farm Barn, Lady Alices Drive, Lathom.
The application affects a Listed Building.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
If an appeal is made against a decision to refuse to grant planning permission, and that appeal proceeds under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.
How information about you will be used
Personal data provided by you will be used as part of the Council's statutory planning duties. Some of this information, including your name and address, will be published. Further information about this is available online at www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning and hard copies are available on request.

John R Harrison DipEnvP, MRTPI Director of Development and Regeneration — Dated: 2nd October 2019 PDNOT1063

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NOTICE OF MAKING ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, THE WHOLE OF LANCASHIRE) (PERMIT PARKING ORDER AMENDMENT (NO 1)) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 25 September 2019 Lancashire County Council made the above Order under Sections 45 and 46 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to:

1. Amend the "Lancashire County Council (The Whole of Lancashire) (Revocation and Designation of on Street Parking Charges) Order 2015" the effect of which is to:

a. Remove all information in Schedule 2 and replace it with the table below:

Zone	Residents Permits		Visitor Permits	
Lancaster	Cost	Maximum per household	Cost	Maximum per household
A, B	£25	2	£25	1
C, D, E, F, G, J	£25	Unlimited	£25	2
H, I	£25	2	£25	2

Zone	Residents Permits		Visitor Permits	
Morecambe	Cost	Maximum per household	Cost	Maximum per household
N, O, P, R	£25	Unlimited	£25	2
Q	£25	unlimited	NOT AVAILABLE	

b. Remove all information in Schedule 3 and replace it with the table below:

	Residents Parking Permit Fees (All Zones)	
Ribble Valley	Cost	Maximum per household
	£25	1

c. Remove all information in Schedule 4 and replace it with the table below:

	Residents Permits (All Zones)		Visitor Permits (All Zones)		Business Permits (All Zones)		Doctors Permits	
Fylde	Cost	Maximum per household	Cost	Maximum per household	Cost	Maximum per Business	Cost	Maximum per bay
	£25	2	£25	2	£25	2	£25	2

d. Remove all information in Schedule 5 and replace it with the table below:

	Residents Permits (all Zones)		Visitor Permits (All Zones)		Business Permits (All Zones)		Doctors Permits	
Preston	Cost	Maximum per household	Cost	Maximum per household	Cost	Maximum per Business	Cost	Maximum per bay
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e. Remove all information in Schedule 6 and replace it with the table below:

	Residents Permits (All Zones)		Visitor Permits (All Zones)	
South Ribble	Cost	Maximum per household	Cost	Maximum per household
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f. Remove all information in Schedule 7 and replace it with the table below:

	Residents Permits (All Zones)		Visitor Permits (All Zones)	
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	£25	1	£25	1

g. Remove all information in Schedule 8 and replace it with the table below:

	Residents Permits (All Zones)		Business Permits (All Zones)	
Chorley	Cost	Maximum per household	Cost	Maximum per business
	£25	2	£25	2

h. Remove all information in Schedule 9 and replace it with the table below:

	Residents Permits (All Zones)		Visitor Permits (All Zones)	
Hyndburn	Cost	Maximum per household	Cost	Maximum per household
	£25	1	£25	1

i. Remove all information in Schedule 13 and replace it with the table below:

	Residents Permits (All Zones)		Visitor Permits (All Zones)		Business Permits (All Zones)	
Burnley	Cost	Maximum per household	Cost	Maximum per household	Cost	Maximum per business
	£25	2	£25	2	£25	2

j. Remove all information in Schedule 11 and replace it with the table below:

	Residents Permits (All Zones)		Visitor Permits (All Zones)		Business Permits (Zones BF1 and C3 only)	
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k. Remove all information in Schedule 12 and replace it with the table below:

Lancaster Pay and Display		
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l. Remove all information in Schedule 13 and replace it with the table below:

Preston Pay and Display		
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m. Remove all information in Schedule 14 and replace it with the table below:

	Residents Permits (All Zones)		Visitor Permits (All Zones)	
Rossendale	Cost	Maximum per household	Cost	Maximum per household
	£25	1	£25	1

n. Amend Article 3 a) to insert 'and Schedule 14' after 'Schedules 2 to 11 (inclusively)' so that the Article now reads "as set out in Schedules 2 to 11 (inclusively) and Schedule 14 of this Order"; o. Insert Schedule "3A Exemptions for Disabled Person's Vehicles" into that Order; p. Amend the newly inserted Schedule 3A to that Order to insert the text quoted below: "Any resident applying for a Resident's Permit who holds a valid disabled person's badge shall be exempt from the fee referred" q. Insert Schedule "3B Exemptions for Electric Vehicles" into that Order; r. Amend the newly inserted Schedule 3B to that Order to insert the text quoted below: "Any resident applying for a Resident's Permit who is the owner of a Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV) will be exempt from the fee referred" s. Insert Schedule "3C Dispensations" into that Order; t. Amend the newly inserted Schedule 3C to that Order to insert the text quoted below: "Dispensations are available to Tradespersons for any Permit Bay within any Area at a cost of £5 per day" u. Insert Schedule "3D Replacement Permits" into that Order; v. Amend the newly inserted Schedule 3D to that Order to insert the text quoted below: "Replacement Permits and permits required as a result of a change in vehicle ownership will require an application for a new permit. The full permit charge will apply but the new permit will be valid for a further 12 months from date of issue" w. Insert Schedule "3E Withdrawal of Permit" into that Order; x. Amend the newly inserted Schedule 3E to that Order to insert the text quoted below: "The Issuing Authority may, by notice in writing served on the Permit Holder at the address shown by the person on the application for the Parking Permit or at any other address believed to be that person's Place of Residence, withdraw a Parking Permit if it appears to the Issuing Authority that the Permit is being misused." y. Insert Schedule "3F Validity of Permit" into that Order;
z. Amend the newly inserted Schedule 3F to that Order to insert the text quoted below: "All permits are valid for 12 months from the date of issue."

This Order will come into force on the 07 October 2019. A copy of the Order, and all other relevant documents may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of Lancaster City Council, Town Hall, Dalton Square, Lancaster, LA1 1PJ, and at the offices of Wyre Borough Council, Civic Centre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, FY6 7PU, and at the offices of Ribble Valley Borough Council, Council Offices, Church Walk, Clitheroe, BB7 2RA, and at the offices of Fylde Borough Council, Town Hall, Lytham St Annes, FY8 1LW, and at the offices of Preston City Council, PO Box 10, Town Hall, Lancaster Road, Preston, PR1 2RL, and at the offices of South Ribble Borough Council, Civic Centre, West Paddock, Leyland, PR25 1DH, and at the offices of West Lancashire Borough Council, PO Box 16, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF, and at the offices of Chorley Borough Council, Town Hall, Chorley, PR7 1DP, and at the offices of Hyndburn Borough Council, Scaitcliffe House, Ormerod Street, Accrington, BB5 0PF, and at the offices of Burnley Borough Council, Town Hall, Manchester Road, Burnley, BB11 9SA, and at the offices of Pendle Borough Council, No1 Market Street, Nelson, Lancashire, BB9 9LU, and at the offices of Rossendale Borough Council - One Stop Shop, The Business Centre, Futures Park, Newchurch Road, Bacup, OL13 0BB, and at the offices of The Director of Corporate Services, Lancashire County Council, County Hall, PO Box 78, Preston PR1 8XJ, and on Lancashire County Councils Website http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/roads/roadworks-and-traffic-regulation-orders/permanent.aspx, quoting ref: LSG4/894.9640/AFR. Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or of any of its provisions on the grounds that it or they are not within the powers conferred by the Act, or that any requirement of the Act or of any instrument made under the Act has not been complied with, that person may, within 6 weeks from the date on which the order is made, apply for the purpose to the High Court.

Laura Sales, Director of Corporate Services 02 October 2019

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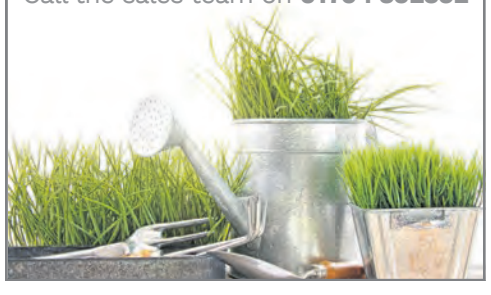

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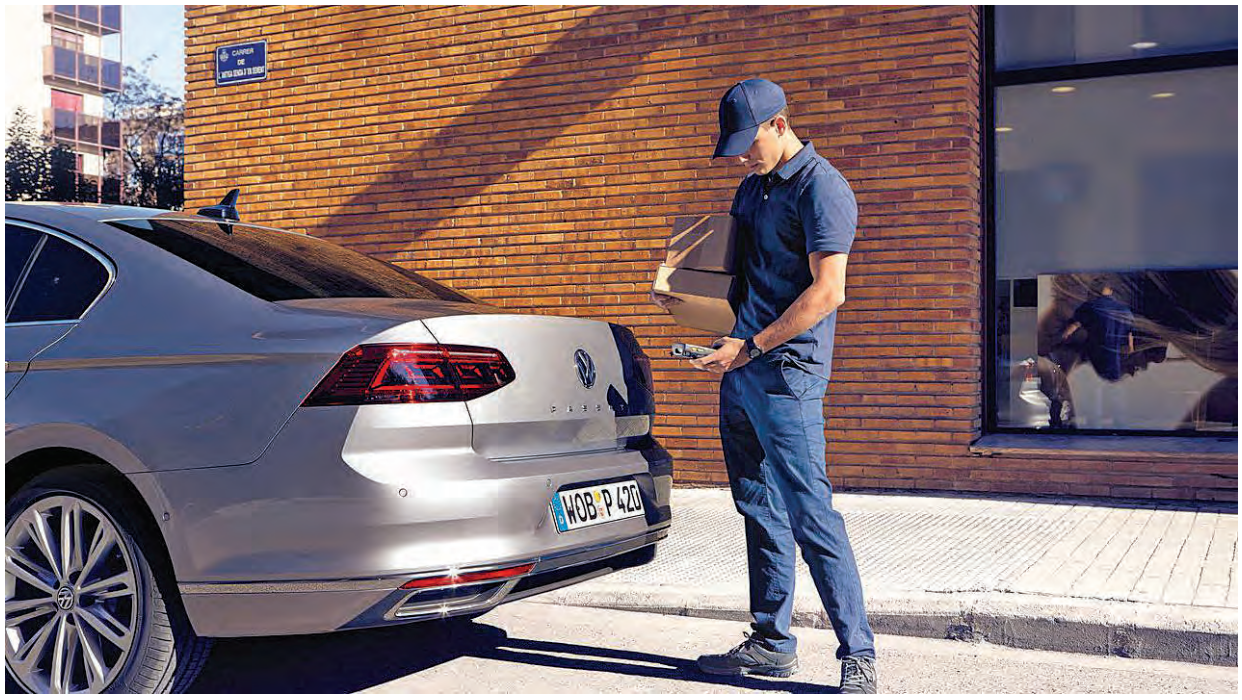

The idea of delivery men leaving parcels in your car boot has been trialled already in Germany

Europe's biggest car-maker used Berliners as guinea pigs for idea

TWO umbrellas, a book about MGs that I still haven't got around to reading and – for work purposes, because I never know when I might need them – a couple of copies of *Classic Car Weekly*. That's about as exciting as the contents of my car's boot get.

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But even they might have to be evicted if a bold new idea to revolutionise online deliveries takes off. For months they've been happy to slide around, bouncing off shopping bags and probably knocking a mile or two off what my Toyota does to the gallon, but they'll have to go, and all because I can't trust you.

Not you specifically, of course – I'm sure you're fine. I mean other members of the wider population, especially ones who I haven't met. But VW expects you to trust them with whatever's in your boot.

Europe's biggest carmaker has been using Berliners as guinea pigs for its new We Deliver scheme – and says they loved it so much that it's now looking to roll it out elsewhere, including here in the UK.

The idea's a simple one – if you're going to be at work all day and you're expecting a delivery, you can use your car's boot as the delivery address. The delivery man can then find your car, use an app to open the boot, stick the parcel inside, and then hop back in his van. Brilliant!

Sorry to go all *Dragons' Den* on you, but it's fraught with problems. What if you've got something more valuable than two umbrellas and a book about MGs in the boot, and how do you prove it if an unscrupulous delivery man – perhaps one who's getting rained on and wants to learn all there is to know about the MG Midget – helps himself to your stuff?

There are genuinely people out there who get kicks out of nicking other people's parcels, too.

Will they, if everyone's valuables are locked away in car boots, begin to attack parked cars? There's also the small problem of cars having this nasty habit of moving from place to place – and why would I leave my car at home when I need it to get to work?

What's more, I reckon it's a bit of a halfway house anyway; with Britain going full tilt towards autonomous cars, I don't think it'll be too long before I can simply dispatch my self-driving Golf or Astra off to the depot on its own, where it can go collect my Amazon deliveries for me.

It's a genuine problem, created by our insatiable appetite for cheap things that we can order online with next day delivery, but I don't think turning all our cars into four-wheeled postboxes is the answer.

Personally, I much prefer the idea of having things I want delivered not via an internet-dispatched delivery man, but being made readily available in a set of buildings, situated in a nearby town or city centre, that are open throughout the week.

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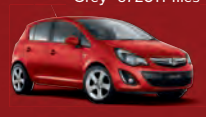

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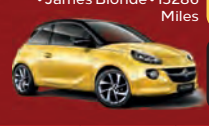

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Season of 'might have beens' in league and cup for Ormskirk

THE dust has just about settled on the 2019 Liverpool & District Cricket Competition, so it's time congratulate Premier Division winners Bootle and runners up Ormskirk, First Division winners Wigan and runners up Sefton Park, Second Division winners Liverpool and runners up St Helens Town, *writes Glenn Wallworth*.

It's also sad to report that Colwyn Bay and Lytham were relegated from the Premier Division, Wavertree and Prestatyn from the First and from the Second Division, Alder, who will be replaced in 2020 by Birkenhead St Mary's from the Southport & District League.

Formby clinched The Ray Digman Trophy after beating Ormskirk 2-1 in a bowl out, Liverpool won the Ray Tyler Shield after beating Newton Le Willows by 33 runs, Chester Broughton Hall won the Echo KO after beating Formby by 20 runs and Ormskirk won the LDCC Vitality Club T20 regional group final against Bootle, before they were beaten by Toft who were eventually beaten in the final by Swardeston at the County Ground in Derby.

Ormskirk made it through to the semi final of the prestigious Royal London Club Championship where they were beaten by three wickets at Nantwich, the Cheshire side were then beaten in the final at Lords by Swardeston who in doing so became the first club side to complete National cup double.

One or two bits of news filtering through amongst our local clubs is that **Formby** have signed 23 year old left hander Calum Turner from Cheshire County side Urmston. Turner, who also bowls leg breaks, represents Cheshire in the Minor Counties Championship and has also represented Lancashire at second eleven and is a former skipper of the County's under 19's side. The club have however lost the services of all rounder Lukman Vahaluwala due to a persistent knee injury and spinner Sabbir Patel who has returned to play his cricket in the Blackburn area.

Northern were awarded the Lancashire Cricket Foundation club of the year at the Lancashire Cricket Awards night Old Trafford last Friday for their efforts both on and off the pitch, where a host a volunteers work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the club continues to grow from grassroots level right through to its senior sides.

Southport & Birkdale captain Chris Firth is stepping down after ten years in charge at Trafalgar Road. His predecessor will be decided by the committee in the coming weeks, whilst just up the road at **Ainsdale**, experienced spinner Martyn Farrell is to set take over from Stephen Lucas as captain.

Andrew Watts is also to step down as captain of **Fleetwood Hesketh** due to work commitments and his predecessor will be decided at the clubs AGM in November. The Marshside club are delighted to have secured the services of promising all rounder Bobby Wincer who has recently returned to the area after finishing his studies down in Somerset and will be available to play for his home town club on a more regular basis next season.

Maghull's skipper and opening batsman Paul Walters is emigrating to Australia and his successor in the role at Old Hall Field will be decided at the club's AGM.

Australian batsman Will Affleck looks unlikely to rejoin Southport & Birkdale, South African Gavin Dickenson will not be returning to Fleetwood Hesketh after two seasons at Sea Cop where his help with clubs juniors has been a huge success. Australian Dylan Mullen won't be returning to Ainsdale after one season at Liverpool Road and New Zealand spinner Akshay Sreenivasan will not be returning to Southport Trinity after one season at the Rookery.

Next week it's time to look back at the statistics of the players at our five local Premier Division clubs, Bootle, Ormskirk, Northern, Formby and Southport & Birkdale.

Liverpool and District Cricket Competition 2019 final tables

PREMIER Division: Bootle (399pts), Ormskirk (381), Northern (308), New Brighton (276), Formby (259), Wallasey (245), Orrell Red Triangle (230), Rainhill (226), Leigh (207), Southport & Birkdale (168), Colwyn Bay (159) and Lytham (158).

First Division: Wigan (360pts), Sefton Park (349), Highfield (344), Rainford (334), Newton Le Willows (323), Northop Hall (258), Ainsdale (242), Old Xaverians (240), Birkenhead Park (223), Fleetwood Hesketh (176), Prestatyn (140) and Wavertree (90).

Second Division: Liverpool (403 pts), St Helens Town (357), Caldy (316), Southport Trinity (278), Norley Hall (260), Maghull (259), Hightown St Mary's (251), Sutton (227), Spring View (223), Parkfield Liscard (222), Burscough (221) and Alder (102).

Skem fall just short of earning unlikely point at title contenders

1874 Northwich 1
Skelmersdale United 0

SKELMERSDALE United suffered a narrow defeat but could have come away with a share of the spoils against promotion chasing 1874 Northwich, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow*.

Skem made them work hard for their three points and given a bit of luck they may have brought something tangible back themselves after a highly creditable effort by Paul McNally's side.

Northwich finished the day in third place in the North-West Counties Premier Division table leaving Skem 16th in the table but there was not that much between the teams on Saturday.

One observation from the start at Town Field Lane was the length of the grass that made a passing game difficult to carry out.

Early on 1874 used it well putting pressure on and but for a fine reaction save by Skelmersdale goalkeeper Ben Barnes they would have taken the lead via a Nathan Okorne header, the forward soon having another opportunity that he headed wide after a cross from the left.

As the half progressed Skelmersdale got going and on one attack they came desperately close to taking the lead. Matt Coughlan overlapped and slid a neat ball through to Joe Cawley, his cross shot hit the far post, but the rebound fell unkindly for Richard Brodie who ran in completely unmarked and would have had a tap-in.

Soon it was Skem's turn to have a bit of luck when a Matt Woolley free-kick struck the crossbar but the rebound was cleared well.

On the half-hour 1874 got a bit of luck that was to prove vital to the outcome. A back-pass held up on the poor surface and Matt Russell was able to round keeper Barnes, at the same time pulling the ball back across goal giving Jake Parker a simple task scoring.

John Keatley tries his luck for Skem. Picture by John Driscoll

Small margins can decide games and although on balance of possession Northwich probably had more of the play and on that basis could be said to have deserved their interval lead, if Cawley's shot had come off the post on a different angle it might have been a completely different story.

Skelmersdale were well in the game and home goalkeeper Tony Aghayere saved at Cawley's feet, while Skem's Barnes saved with his feet from a low shot by Parker, though Brodie might have done better with a header from the edge of the six yard box.

The hill Skelmersdale were attacking became a bit steeper and things became a lot harder for Skem in the 79th minute. Off the ball Cawley clashed with full-back Russell and the latter rolled on the floor holding his face. The referee Darren Rogers had a chat with his assistant who was on the opposite side to the incident and dismissed Cawley whilst indicating he thought an elbow had been used.

There is no shame in Skelmersdale going down 1-0 at 1874 Northwich. They are one of a handful of teams who are expected to be in the promotion mix at the end of the season and Skem might have nicked a point. It is no source of great worry for Skem fans as it shouldn't be long before they move up the table.

Skem are at home this Saturday against Winsford United. The visitors are only a point ahead of Skem in the table. Skem's last four league games have all been against promotion chasing teams and Saturday is a great chance for them to gather three points.

Goal-shy Linnets in desperate need of added firepower after fifth straight league defeat

Burscough 0
Padiham 1

BURSCOUGH lost to fellow-strugglers Padiham after failing to properly test the visiting goalkeeper.

Burscough came out on the losing side in a game that they really needed to win and across the entire 90 minutes they failed to bring one save out of Padiham goalkeeper Matt Holmes.

The Linnets are not bad at the back and are pretty competitive in midfield but they rarely posed any threat at all in attack, however for all that they should have equalised in the 87th minute, and on balance of play were perhaps a little unlucky to lose.

The main talking point of the first-half came in the 40th minute when both sides squared up after a tackle by Burscough's River Humphreys on Luke Noble from which a free-kick was awarded.

In the 63rd minute Padiham struck the crucial goal. A long ball was trapped down and played behind the Burscough defence and Pratt ran through and slotted the ball neatly into the net to make it 1-0.

Just before the end Lomax swung in a corner from the right, Andy Presho got his head on the ball but it was off target.

The referee had one more act to carry out, dismissing Padiham's Jason Hill for a dreadful lunging tackle, but by then there was so little time left that it made no difference.

Burscough have got a fight on their hands. They are just above the relegation spot and haven't won since early August.

Burscough stage the first 'Parbold Hill Derby' of the season when Charnock Richard come to Victoria Park this Saturday.

Burscough have strengthened up this week signing midfielder Alex Pope, who has experience with AFC Fylde and Colne.

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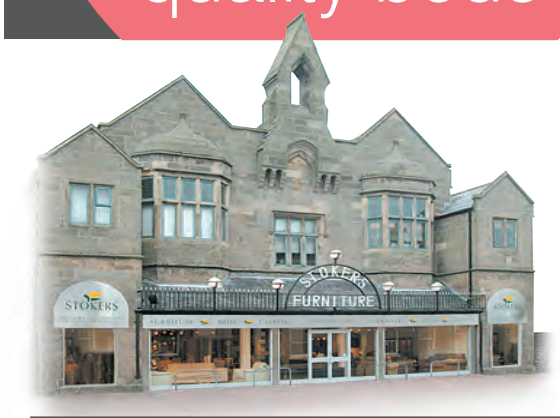

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